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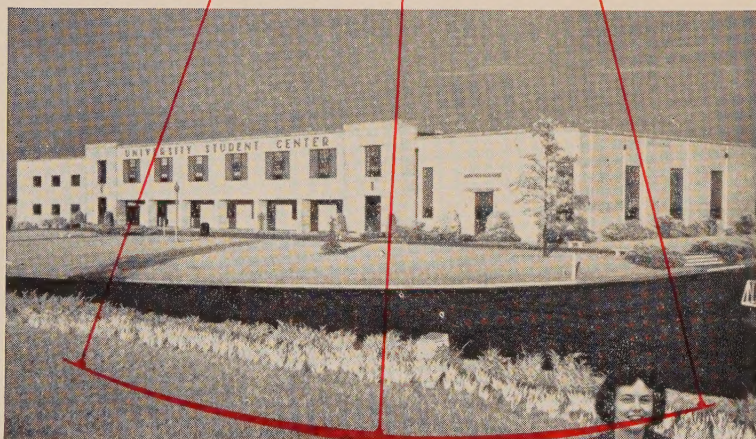
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The film is of vital interest to every teacher, every school board, every administrator, every parent since it makes abundantly clear how American education is attacking the problem of training young



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minds to grapple with modern society's vast accumulation of knowledge. It makes equally clear that these new tools for learning are being used as widely as is imperative if the task is to be accomplished.

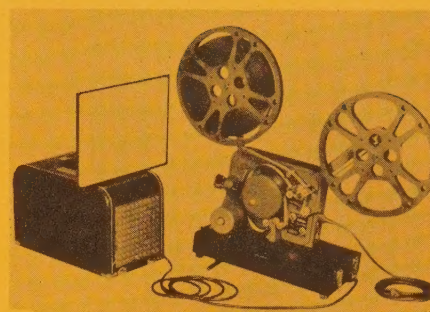
The film, distributed by Encyclopedia Britannica Films Inc., demonstrates effective use of motion pictures in actual learning situations.

Two purposes underlie *New Tools for Learning*: to promote better understanding among lay audiences of the role of motion pictures in the educational process, and to suggest to audio-visual leaders additional ways of using films to teach.

A majority of the 300 EBF. films, of course, are aimed at and correlated with school curricula, but may be used with benefit also by churches and other groups.

Studies show that retention of material learned through the modern sound motion picture ranges from 30 to 60 per cent greater than such material learned solely through traditional methods. The learning process is speeded up almost immeasurably.

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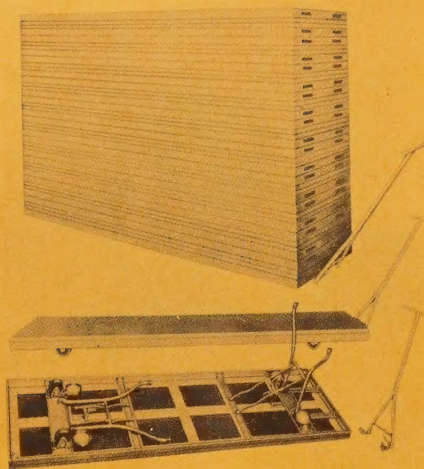
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Churches and schools planning new buildings will especially want further information about these. Check item J77-C below for additional descriptive literature.

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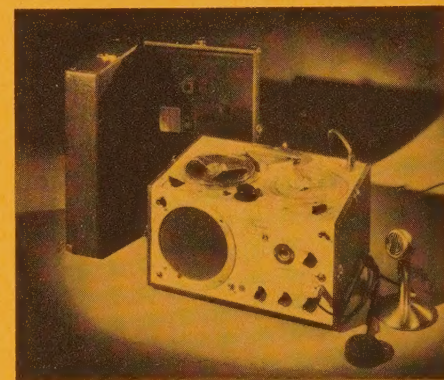
All over the country there is a growing trend among churches of all denominations to record their services for broadcast over local radio stations. This gives the church another avenue through which they can preach the Gospel message.

It is a little disconcerting, then, for churches beginning a series of recordings to find that the tape recorder they have been using to record sermons, weddings, choir practice and other events is very often not the same type of recorder which most radio stations use. Many churches these days have recorders with twin-track recording heads and which play at 3½ inches per second. This type of machine is economical to use because it gets the most material on the least tape. Radio stations, however, are more interested in high fidelity than in sav-

ing tape, and use a unit which records across the full width of tape at 7½ inches per second.

In order to use the church's tape, the radio station must re-record the service on its machine, provided of course that the original recording was close to broadcast quality. Churches who are in the process of shopping for a tape recorder will be interested in knowing about the recording unit manufactured by the Webster Electric Company of Racine, Wisconsin.

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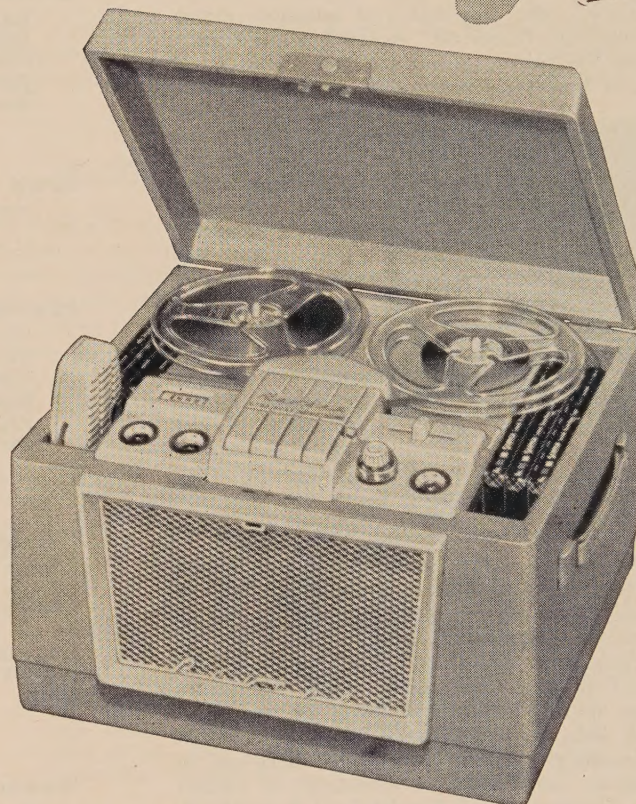
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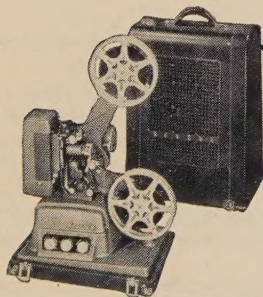
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Korea—the main target of foreign policy critics—is the daily source of numerous stories of war, rebellion and revival. In this hot spot CHRISTIAN LIFE has placed veteran missionary Fred Jarvis to bring its readers the news of significance to Christians. Jarvis is one who can wangle his way into seemingly impenetrable spots to bring a first hand report of important events. For instance, he was chosen from among many reporters as one of the correspondents allowed to accompany investigators to the site of a Communist-alleged truce violation. His ability to speak Chinese gave him opportunity to witness about the Lord to Communist reporters covering the investigation.



CORRESPONDENT JARVIS

Jarvis' experience as a missionary to the Orient under The Evangelical Alliance Mission is an asset in getting the inside view of what is actually happening at Panmunjom and the war fronts.

In "Assignment Korea" (page 21) this reporter brings to CHRISTIAN LIFE readers, among other items of interest, an interview with senior U. N. truce delegate Maj. Gen. W. K. Harrison, a devout Christian. From generals to privates, on the front lines and in rear echelons, Jarvis obtained testimonies of soldiers who are vibrant witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ.

His next story, "Christians in Korea," will tell further of the Christian church in that land ravaged by two years of war. Watch for this and other stories from the highly volatile missionary and war fronts of Asia in subsequent issues.

NEXT MONTH

The trials, tribulations and problems of foreign mission boards will be unearthed as CHRISTIAN LIFE takes its readers behind the scenes of mission boards in a photographic story. Just what you can do to enable your foreign mission board to function more efficiently for Christ will be discussed.

Complete happiness should have been Jane's as she served the Lord on the African desert. But marring her happiness was the constant contact with her co-laborers—the man she had loved and his wife. Don't miss "Paris Interlude," fiction story by Margaret A. Graham in the September issue.

Are missionaries only on the foreign field? Concrete suggestions on how you can "Be a Missionary at Home" abound in the article by Dr. Frank C. Torrey, pastor of Calvary Independent Church, Lancaster, Pa. He explodes common excuses offered by Christians who say they can't be missionaries.

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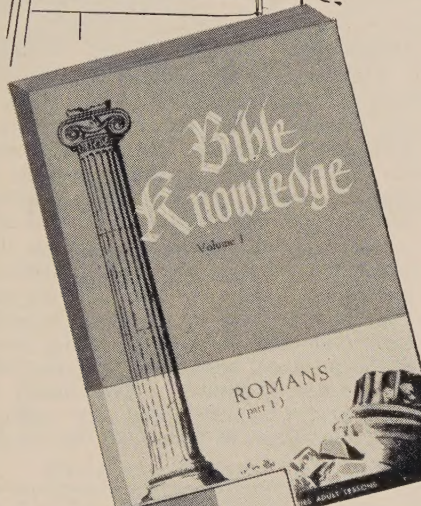


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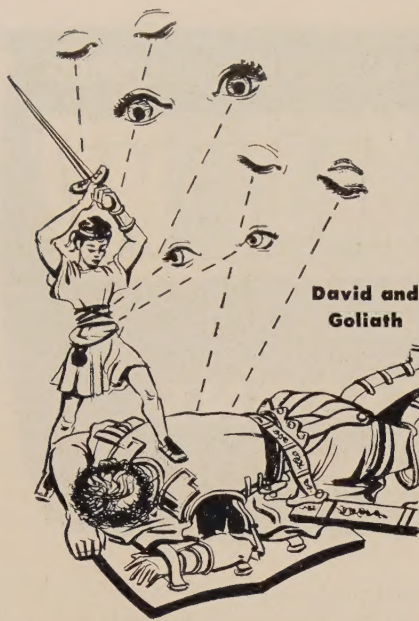


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Sectarianism

A recent issue of CHRISTIAN LIFE (May 1952) carried an editorial entitled "The Sin of Evangelical Sectarianism." . . Any sectarianism which exists today should have resulted from honest convictions formed by individuals after perusing the Word of God which is a book of doctrine. Paul assured the Corinthian saints, "There must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you" (1 Cor. 11: 19). . . Therefore, it is high time that sincere spiritual leaders recognize the Word of God as a divider, (Heb. 4:12); it is not primarily an amalgamator! The ecumenical movement in this religious day is possible only when convictions are scrapped, and the truth is shaded. True, we ought never have separation when

there is no place for it, but likewise we ought to divide when the order is issued. Sentimental, soulish pursuit is one of wily Satan's most effective devices, and he seems very able to accomplish his devilish purpose of robbing souls through slushy, soulish sentimentality when spiritual purity ought to be the order of the day.

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Misleading

The article by Dr. Howard W. Ferrin in your June issue featuring Christian education contains several statements comparing the Bible institute and Bible college with the Christian liberal arts college. Some of these statements appear to be misleading. For example, Dr. Ferrin asserts that the student body of the Bible institute is different from that of the Christian liberal arts college, because the latter "are not specifically trained for service in traditionally recognized areas of Christian service, such as the pastorate, mission field, or the field of Christian Education." As a matter of fact, most Christian liberal arts colleges feature a major in Bible and this major

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From the evangelism newsfront, great city-wide campaigns with Evangelist Billy Graham had made history in at least two cities. In Houston, Texas, the city's first united Crusade saw the total attendance figures mount to impressive heights . . . an average nightly attendance of more than 14,000 persons . . . 60,000 at one Sunday meeting for the largest throng ever to gather to hear an evangelist . . . more than 6,000 recorded decisions for Christ . . . crime statistics slumped to a notable low . . . and this in the acknowledged "murder capital" of the nation!

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is generally understood to be specifically designed to train students for recognized areas of Christian service. . . . In speaking of the curriculum, Dr. Ferrin maintains that Christian liberal arts colleges are not permitted to require more than eighteen hours in religion, but this does not take into account the fact that the curriculum of the Christian liberal arts college features a Bible major. . . . It should be noted, too, that students majoring in Christian Education at a Christian liberal arts college are required to engage in various forms of practical Christian work. . . . Dr. Ferrin indicates that the teaching of music in such a college emphasizes only the artistic or the cultural aspects of this field. In reality, the instruction in music at the Christian liberal arts college not only places emphasis upon the artistic and cultural aspects of the subject but also coherently relates music to God and to His Word as a medium of worship, praise, and testimony. Boston, Mass. HUDSON T. ARMERDING
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From Here and There

We appreciate the timely articles in CHRISTIAN LIFE and I, for one, do enjoy the fiction. Our Indian pastor and others also come to read articles from time to time. We receive the magazine through a church mission society in Reedley, California. May God continue to bless your ministry. Madaya Pradesh, India

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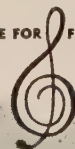
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Christian Business Men's Committee International: Fifteenth Annual Convention, Atlantic City, N. J.—Oct. 15-19. Write: Donald MacDonald, Room 1107, 10 S. LaSalle, Chicago 3, Ill.

Church of God: 44th General Assembly, Aug. 14-17, Indianapolis, Ind. Write: Rev. C. R. Spain, Box 831, Indianapolis 6, Ind.

Free Methodist Church: Regional Sunday School Conventions—Pa., Md., Va., Sept. 9-11—Apollo, Pa.; North Central—Sept. 18-20, Mason City, Ia.; Ill., Ind., Ky., Tenn.—Sept. 16-18, Winona Lake, Ind.; West Central—Sept. 16-18, Denver, Colo.; Northwest—Oct. 1-3, Portland, Ore. Write: Free Methodist Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

The Gideons International: July 23-28. St. Louis, Mo. Write: W. W. Gothard, The Gideons Int'l., 212 E. Superior, Chicago 11, Ill.

Greater Chicago Sunday School Association: 13th Annual Convention, September 26-27. Moody Memorial Church, Clark Street, at North Ave., Chicago. Speakers: Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins and Dr. W. Robert Smith. Write: GCSSA, 343 S. Dearborn, Chicago 4, Ill.

International Council of Christian Churches: Edinburg Conference of the International Council of Christian Churches, July 24-30, Edinburg, Scotland. Regional Conference for the Near East, Aug. 7-11, Beirut, Syria. Tour of Palestine sponsored by ICCO in connection with the regional conference. Write: Dr. Carl McIntire, Box 218, Collingswood, N. J.

Minnesota Baptist Conference: Annual Conference, Sept. 5-7. Convention headquarters:—Bethel Baptist Church, Duluth, Minn. Write: J. G. Johnson, 1480 N. Snelling, St. Paul 4, Minn.

National Sunday School Association: 7th Annual Convention, Oct. 1-4, Portland, Ore. Headquarters: Civic Auditorium. Write: Russell T. Hitt, NSSA Gen'l. Sec'y., 542 S. Dearborn, Chicago 5, Ill.

North American Baptist General Conference: 30th General Conference, Aug. 20-26. Philadelphia, Pa. Headquarters: Grace Baptist Church. Write: Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Sec., 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada: Biennial general conference in Central French Pentecostal church, 1455 Papineau Ave., Montreal, Canada—Sept. 11-16. Write: Rev. Emile Lassegues, 1750 Gouin Blvd. E., Montreal, Que.

Scripture Press: Sunday School Conventions. Winona Lake Bible Conference (Sunday School Week), Winona Lake, Ind.—July 21-25; Gull Lake Bible Conference, Kalamazoo, Mich.—Aug. 5-8; Rumney Summer Bible Conference, Rumney, N. H.—Aug. 11-15; Mt. Hermon Christian Conference Center, Mt. Hermon, Calif.—Aug. 11-15; Teachers' conference, Johnson City, Tenn.—Aug. 19-23; Merriam, Kan.—Sept. 7-12; Sunday School Fair, 434 S. Wabash, Chicago, Ill.—Sept. 20. Write: Convention Dept., 434 S. Wabash, Chicago 5, Ill.

Youth for Christ International: Regional Conferences—New York, Highland Lake, N. Y.—July 26-Aug. 1; Eastern Canada, Canadian Keswick, Muskoka, Ontario—Aug. 23-Sept. 1; South Central, Beckwith, W. Va.—Aug. 24-31; Central, Kansas City, Mo.—Aug. 25-Sept. 1. World Congress—Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 10-17.

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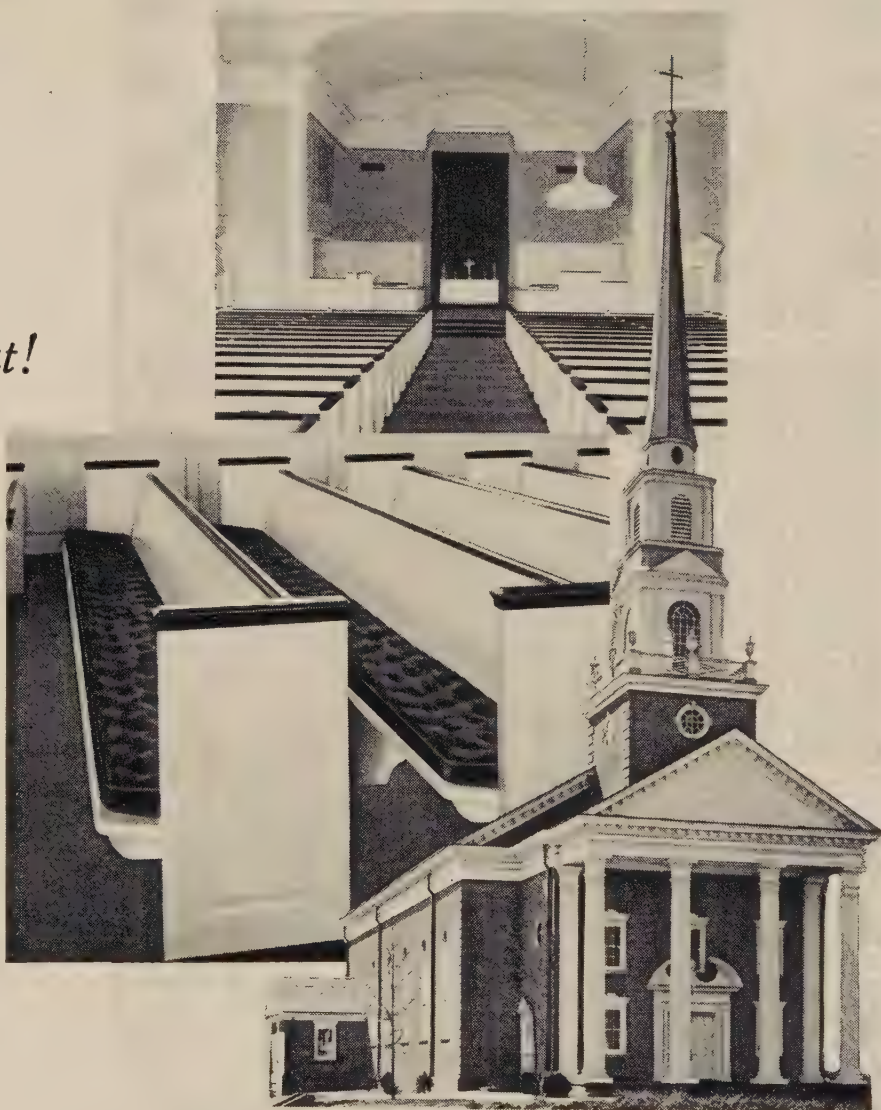
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Case for The Sunday School

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One whole section, "Church and Sunday School Management," is devoted largely to the Sunday school and the allied Christian educational activities of the church.

We annually sponsor the International Sunday School Attendance Contest—only contest of its kind held anywhere—to create interest in the Sunday school and develop its ministry.

We endorse every spiritually sound program of action to stimulate interest in the Sunday school, such as the National Sunday School Association and the various regional Sunday school associations across the country—which have as their ultimate aim the winning of boys and girls and men and women to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Lest someone think we are editorially unbalanced, riding a hobby, or plainly overcome with Sunday schoolitis, we occasionally take the time to justify such obvious interest in the Sunday school. This month—with the announcement of the Fifth Annual International Sunday School Contest—offers another opportunity.

Exhibit A, in our case, for the Sunday school is the Southern Baptist Convention. This is the largest of what might be called a one hundred per cent evangelical denomination with upwards of nine million members. A number of reasons could be set forth for its steady growth and present size. A close examination, however, would reveal to any reasonable person that the largest single promotional effort made by the denomination is now, and has been for a number of years, the Sunday school.

Exhibit B is the much younger but faster growing evangelical denomination—The Assemblies of God. This denomination today actually is showing a faster growth in its Sunday schools than the Southern Baptist Convention. Whether or not this is significant, the fact remains that these two denominations by their emphasis on the Sunday school and its ministry are showing phenomenal growth and power.

Exhibit C is any expanding church today. We have studied the major denominational and independent churches across our country today which are showing vitality and growth. In not a single case do we observe a live and growing church without a live and growing Sunday school behind it. Likewise neither do we know of a progressive, evangelistically minded Sunday school that has not developed an expanding church program.

Exhibit D is the growing public acceptance of the Sunday school today. At the beginning of each year, CHRISTIAN LIFE queries Christian leaders across the country as to the most significant happenings of the year and the greatest opportunities for evangelistic progress in the year to come. In its survey this year, "What's Coming in '52" (January, 1952), author Dave Enlow wrote: "According to these men, who represent much of the active thinking (i.e. a panel of executives attending the Annual Convention of the Christian Business Men's Committee International) of today's Christian laymen, the greatest opportunity for gospel advance in 1952 lies in the Sunday school. . . . Too, the statements of

1952 Editorial Platform

1. To make Christ known as Savior.
2. To awaken individual Christians to the reality of a spirit-filled life of power, love and holiness.
3. To encourage the formation of prayer groups for a world-wide revival.
4. To encourage a strong Christian family life.
5. To foster Christian vigilance in social and political problems.
6. To encourage revitalization of the local church through evangelism in the Sunday school.
7. To create and encourage missionary vision, interest and operation.

secular as well as religious leaders—including J. Edgar Hoover, Billy Graham and many others—have indicated amazing unanimity of thought as to the importance of the Sunday school."

Exhibit E—the Sunday School Association. Within the past decade there has been amazing increase in interest in the Sunday school evidenced in the development of the Sunday school associations—national, as well as regional. Their development appears to coincide with the growing interest and desire for spiritual revival on the part of the evangelical church. And there is evidence that these associations, through their conventions and other activities, have been a real force in the spiritual awakening which has been noted in various parts of the country.

These are a few of our findings. There are others of less direct application. Taken together, we believe they present a sound case for the Sunday school as the greatest opportunity for evangelism open to the church today. Therefore we urge Christian leaders, pastors, Sunday school superintendents and laymen interested in the advance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our day to awaken to the opportunities of the Sunday school.

On the local church level especially, we also take this opportunity to urge participation in the Fifth Annual International Sunday School Contest (see "You Can't Lose," page 15).

Overwhelming evidence, we believe, supports this case for the Sunday school. God grant to Christians everywhere this month and the months to come a greater desire to support the Sunday school program of their church as a direct step to the spiritual awakening for which we all pray.

PICTURE OF SIGNIFICANCE ►

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Paul Kenyon (seated) discusses column, "It's the Truth," with William Allen.

Paul A. Kenyon IT'S THE TRUTH!

WHAT'S YOUR GOAL?

Good is better than bad. Love is better than hate. Kind words are preferable to words of hurt and hate. Righteous acts are preferable to those that are evil. Joy is more desirable than sorrow, and peace is to be desired above conflict and strife. All this is true, and much more too; yet, how many people do you know who have a definite objective in life to even live the best they know, or can conceive? How many set the highest conceivable goal for yourself, and do you consistently live up to the highest standard of life of which you are capable, if you really applied yourself to it?

Without exception, when we are asked this latter question, we either excuse ourselves, or if at all honest, readily admit the guilt of constant failure. Many even want to do

within. Many a cultured lady in public would fall in your estimate if you knew her ways behind the scenes in her home. Many a highly respected man in the eyes of the public would be held in contempt if all knew about him what the few know. All people are not what they seem.

You are what you eat. To cover up, no matter what the method of means, does not change you, even a mile. Any apparent change made to effect an impression is none other than mere hypocrisy. Did you ever stop long enough to look at yourself as you really are, and lower your pride just long enough to appreciate contempt for your actual self? It's a good thing to do. It has driven some people to God for another kind of righteousness. There is a righteousness, which comes from God, through Christ, that is genuine. It requires no pretense. It is the real thing because a holy God is its author. It is written, concerning the supernatural work of Christ within those who believe, on Him: "For He [God] hath made Him [Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin [Christ]; that we [All who take Him as their Redeemer and Redeemer]



The Pastor Goes To Press

by Leslie B. Flynn

BUYING newspaper space to present a gospel message is a rarity, but a column called "It's The Truth!" has appeared in Saturday papers under the by-line of Paul A. Kenyon for the past eight years.

While pastoring in Redlands, California, he asked himself, "If papers have secular columns, why not a column for the Lord?" With the backing of his church, and cashing in on his college journalism, he started writing articles in paid space which circulated through the whole Valley of Paradise area.

As one result, people drove in for miles to the church services. The morning after one Christmas, a lady, quite disturbed, owner of a swank motel, came to see him. She had read his column, "The Meaning of Christmas," on Christmas Eve. A typical worldlyling, she had celebrated Christmas in her usual godless way. But the next day, so under conviction, she drove ten miles to his home and was led to Christ.

When Kenyon moved to Minnesota for four years, he continued the column under the same title in the quarter-of-a-million circulation St. Paul newspaper. One day he received a phone call to visit a dying woman in the Mexican section of the city. Her sister explained, "We are of different faith than you, but when we were little girls, our mother took us to an evangelical church. As we sat on the back seat mother would whisper, 'Our church is wrong. These people are right!' When we read your column, we knew you could help us." Five days before the Mexican woman passed away, she professed faith in Christ.

The owner of a pants factory who had been an alcoholic spotted the column one Saturday. "What kind of a crack-pot would write an article, 'It's The Truth!'" Every Saturday this column stared him in the face. He read it regularly. One day he suddenly exclaimed, "It is the truth! Let's look that fellow up!" He drove to Kenyon's church in his swanky car and asked, "Listen, fellow, what's it all about?" Kenyon led him to put his trust in Christ.

Several weeks were spent in answering Knights of Columbus newspaper publicity. The controversy became so hot on the University of Minnesota campus when Protestants started cutting out articles and having it out with priests and nuns who were students that one Catholic church formed a weekly evening class to counteract the column's influence. Once after throwing his weight against the liberals, the secretary for one church council called his column the "most powerful religious influence in the area served by the St. Paul paper."

Since coming to Rochester, New York, more than a year ago, he has not only published the column in two Saturday papers, the morning *Democrat and Chronicle* and the evening *Rochester Times Union*, but has followed it up late Saturday afternoon with a fifteen-minute, similarly titled radio program, "Truth for the Times," broadcast in commentator style. This propagandizing combination at a total cost of \$100 a week has paid dividends.

Kenyon serves as associate pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Rochester on a unique set-up. He devotes his time chiefly to the newspaper and radio ministry and the consequent follow-up work. Through his column and broadcast, contacts are made with people who have drifted away from church or who attend non-evangelical churches. People who have no pastor phone him for help. Tracking these down, he has won many to Christ.

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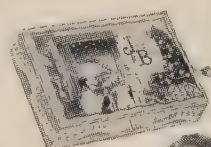
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And—wouldn't you seek the answers to your own life in the Lord's divine presence? Wouldn't you talk quietly with Him about your outer life of duty, faith, action and your inner life of guilt, fear and anxiety?

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But we Christians know the way is hard. We need constant inspiration, a bright lamp to guide us. When we are miserable, angry, jealous, we need demonstration of God's goodness. When we are mean, critical, "bossy", we have denied Him—even denied we need Him . . . and we long for examples of His love to lead us. When we are tense, unhappy and dissatisfied, we need *proofs* of His mercy and interest—proofs that our prayers and pleas are heeded.

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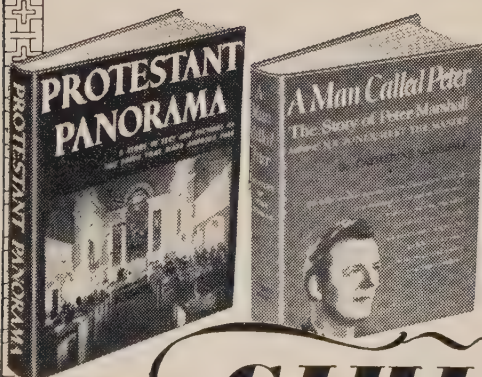
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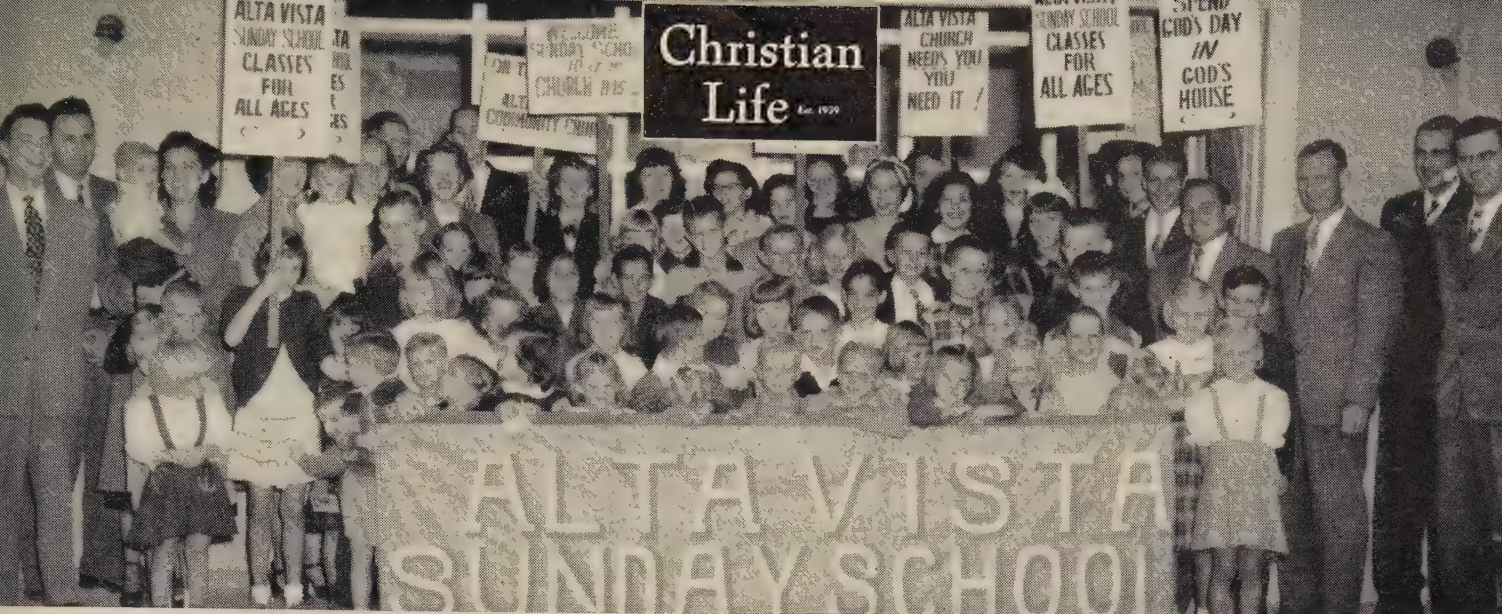
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This is your opportunity as a pastor, Sunday school superintendent, teacher or Christian layman burdened for revival in your church to see what happens when the Sunday school is given a boost. All you need to do is enter your Sunday

school in CHRISTIAN LIFE's Fifth Annual Sunday School Attendance Contest, Oct. 5 through Nov. 9, 1952.

Read the complete announcement on pages 33 through 44. You can't lose. Whatever plan you follow to increase Sunday school attendance, if properly followed, will bear fruit.

Grand Prize: a Wicks pipe organ to the church, a "Flying Seminar" 30-day all-expense tour of the Holy Land to the pastor, a Gretzinger 30-day all-expense tour of the Holy Land to the Sunday school superintendent. \$13,000 in total prizes.

You may secure the helpful "Check List Suggested Ideas for Sunday School Attendance Increase" and the official entry blank for CHRISTIAN LIFE's Fifth Annual Sunday School Attendance Contest by writing: "Sunday School Contest," Christian Life Magazine, 434 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

THREE years ago this summer the pastor of a 100-year-old church in the conservative east half reluctantly entered his Sunday school in CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine's attendance building contest. "It's nonsense," he objected. "This town is over-churched already. What's more, if Sunday school contests were worthwhile, I would have learned about them in Bible institute or seminary."

The pastor was only partly convinced at the close of the contest, even though his Sunday school had shown an increase of nearly fifty per cent. But when the next year's Sunday school contest rolled around, his attitude had changed. Despite his prediction that contest gains would soon be lost, his Sunday school actually had maintained virtually the full amount of its fifty per cent gain during the contest. "There might be something to this Sunday school attendance

contest idea after all," he said. "At least it's worth another try."

The second year, his school showed another gain—this time fifty-two per cent—winning a prize in the contest. The now enthusiastic pastor had only one regret when the third year rolled around. "There simply aren't any more children in the community we can get into our Sunday school. We've got them all," he said.

But friends, Sunday school teachers and superintendents rallied to persuade the pastor to enter the contest anyway. Buses were rented, and an enlarged Sunday school attendance program was launched. This time the effect was felt throughout the entire community. To the amazement of both the pastor and Sunday school officials, attendance again increased forty-nine per cent. Sunday school and church facilities were taxed beyond their capacity, and a house next

to the church was purchased. Today a building expansion program is under way as this school now faces the Fifth Annual CHRISTIAN LIFE Sunday School Attendance Contest, October 5 through November 9, 1952.

The conservative eastern church is not unique. Actually, it is typical of what is happening across the nation and in a number of foreign countries where churches are participating in this granddaddy of modern Sunday school attendance contests.

In its lifetime of four annual events, the CHRISTIAN LIFE Sunday school contest has chalked up an accumulated total increase of 395,395 pupils for the Sunday schools entered. Taken together, there is no other single group of churches that has seen such phenomenal growth of their Sunday school program.

As the Mt. Hope Methodist Church in Media, Pennsylvania, reported, "All



The contest brings increased opportunity for evangelism in the individual class, and this fact is realized at the Alta Vista Sunday school in Columbia, South Carolina.



Not only here in the United States, but on the foreign field, as in Guatemala, C. A., the attendance contest proves a popular device for creating Sunday school enthusiasm.

attendance records for 143 years were broken during the contest."

In addition to attendance growth, tangible results from the contest have also been marked by tremendous increases in evangelistic activity. One midwestern church reported, "The calling and personal work done in homes, started as the result of the contest, has brought a revived spirit to our people which we have not been able to attain, even though special revival services have been held in the past."

The same feeling was reflected by Dr. H. M. Hildebrandt, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church of Springfield, Illinois. "In every way the contest was successful. It sparked the first real revival we have experienced since the second World War," he said.

Meanwhile, in Kansas City, the Baptist Temple, reported, "Nothing in the history of this church has been more beneficial to this Sunday school than its concerted effort during the contest period."

At the same time, the pastor of the First Evangelical Free Church in Portland claimed: "I cannot tell you how much enthusiasm and spiritual fervor and zeal this contest has already put

into our church and Sunday school."

Most significant of all, however, was the stability of the results attained during the contest. Up until the launching of CHRISTIAN LIFE's contest, Christian education experts had frowned on Sunday school contests. The results were not permanent, they claimed, and often the methods used to increase attendance did more harm to the reputation of the church than good.

The theory was fine, but as the results of one year's contest after another have come in, the inescapable conclusion is that it is only a *theory*. The facts have proved that gains achieved during a Sunday school contest period can be held. The pastor of a Baptist church in a midwestern metropolitan area reports, "There has been a steady attendance greatly higher than last year's average since the contest effort. We have not gone under 600 in attendance for eight weeks." Another pastor in a west coast church asserted, "We have noticed marked benefits, as well as an increase of attendance of approximately 150 over last year. Our average attendance for the past ten Sundays has been well over 350, which is something our Sunday school has never before experienced in its history."

But impact of the CHRISTIAN LIFE Sunday School Attendance Contest has not stopped here. For no sooner were the beneficial results noted, but local contests began to spring up in various parts of the country. Today at least three area-wide Sunday school associations are sponsoring Sunday school contests on a local level to tie in with CHRISTIAN LIFE's contest. Meanwhile, many community contests are being run during the same period between churches in the same denominations or between churches with Sunday schools of a similar size.

Moreover, this fall in Portland, a visual presentation of methods used by winning Sunday schools will be featured at the Annual National Association Convention. The displays will include the presentations developed by winning Sunday schools together with a record of previous contest results.

The history of Sunday school contests is lost in the limbo of the past. In all likelihood, however, the Sunday school contest idea was developed in the latter part of the nineteenth century—halcyon day of the Sunday school's movement. Then, modern-day Sunday school teaching tools were unheard of. Some Sunday schools used lesson materials. Most did not. Projected and non-projected visual aids, object lessons, sand tables, etc., were unheard of. Thus the pastors and evangelists who had discovered in the Sunday school a mighty soul-winning channel were forced to depend upon their own ingenuity for bringing in the children.

Sunday school contests—either between classes or departments within the Sunday school, or between neighboring churches proved a handy gimmick. Through the first decade of the twentieth century, the Sunday school contest still proved a popular device for creating Sunday school enthusiasm.

Probably a combination of forces chilled the attitude of church leaders toward the Sunday school contest. Extravagance in any activity is bound to bring an unfortunate aftermath. There were no doubt some cases of extravagance in the employment of Sunday school contests—either in their undue frequency or in the awarding of prizes.

Probably the greatest deterrent to the Sunday school contest, however, was the general decline in Sunday school activity itself. This was paralleled by the falling off of evangelism in the entire evangelical church. So-called "modernism" or the trend from a dynamic Christianity was no doubt the primary cause.

The final coup was scored by the pro-

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Boys of Bell Church (Calif.) were determined to "tackle in" 700 to win the contest.

fessional Christian educational expert with his theory outlawing the Sunday school contest.

Into this scene, *CHRISTIAN LIFE* Magazine projected its first contest in 1948. The suggestion came out of an editorial conference. The question was asked, "How can *CHRISTIAN LIFE* best help the local church advance the cause of revival?" The discussion eventually got around to deciding on what area of evangelism had suffered the most. A number of possibilities were discussed without agreement. When one naive editor came up with the idea of the Sunday school, the decision was unanimous.

CHRISTIAN LIFE's first Sunday School Attendance Contest was announced in the September 1948 issue. Despite rather limited publicity, 375 schools entered. Heartened at first, *CHRISTIAN LIFE* editors soon began to worry: "Suppose the Sunday school contest isn't such a good idea. Suppose these 375 schools don't show any increase in attendance after all."

Eventually, the first contest came to a close. A group of fearful editors gathered around a table to open the contest returns. "Had the Lord actually led in this decision, or were they about to witness a gigantic fiasco?" Before the night was over, they had their answer. The first *CHRISTIAN LIFE* Sunday School Attendance Contest had been a thumping success. The 375 schools entered had shown a total increase over the year before of 66,423—or an average increase per school of 177.

But that was only a part of the story. The other part came in the enthusiastic letters of pastors, Sunday school superintendents and teachers. The general theme was that which has been repeated over and over again. "We don't care whether we win a prize in the contest or not. The experience of participating in *CHRISTIAN LIFE*'s Sunday School Attendance Contest was the best thing that has ever happened to our church."

This was all that was needed. Whether or not the Christian education experts endorsed it, the Sunday school contest,

so far as *CHRISTIAN LIFE* Magazine was concerned, was here to stay.

From the start, the awarding of prizes had been an integral part of the Sunday school contest idea. For prizes, the editors of *CHRISTIAN LIFE* had turned to the advertisers in the pages of the magazine. To the forward looking manufacturer, publishers and service agencies, who also caught the vision for the Sunday school contest, by supplying these awards, therefore, goes a great deal of credit. The winning of prizes, however, has never been promoted as the chief end of the contest. Throughout the years, the editors of *CHRISTIAN LIFE* have insisted that prizes were only one of the means to an end. The end was the spiritual development of the Sunday school and church in the winning of souls to Jesus Christ. It was obvious, however, that tangible awards provided a genuine stimulus to pupils and staff alike.

Through the years, the value of the prizes awarded in the contest has increased steadily. The peak is reached this year with prizes totaling roughly \$13,000. Big feature is the grand prize—a virtual bonanza for the church, pastor and Sunday school superintendent. The award to the church is a Wicks Pipe Organ. The award to the pastor is a "Flying Seminar" 36-day All-Expense Tour of the Holy Land; to the Sunday school superintendent a "Gretzinger" 25-day All-Expense Tour of the Holy Land.

Evidence that the Sunday school contest idea was in the plan of God for this hour followed in subsequent years. In 1950, for instance, 520 schools entered the contest to chalk up a total of 112,426 increase over the year before—an average increase of 212 per school. The skeptics had been silenced when the first contest results were revealed, but when the second year's figures were released,

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Balloons are enjoyed by young and old alike at Canton (Ohio) Christian Tabernacle, as they all burst with joy because of the attendance increase brought on by the contest.





Rider of Satan

by R. Wayne Briggs

They tried to run the preacher out of town,
in a place where horses are wild and men are wicked.

But Jim Blair had other ideas.

WITH a rising sense of dread, Jim Blair looked at the hard-eyed men standing before his door. He had thought them to be his friends. But Harry Conaway, spokesman for the group, was hurling words at him defiantly, savoring the tasted victory, emboldened by the tacit support of the men at his back. The others seemed embarrassed and a little ashamed, but determined to see it out.

Jim had thought that it might be hard when he came to this mountain mission, but he had hardly expected this—not in twentieth century America. Sometimes he wondered if people were any different now than they had been two thousand years ago.

Take this Conaway, for instance. It wouldn't be hard to imagine him in the helmet of a Roman soldier with a spear in his hand, flaunting his authority in sneering derision over the milling crowds around the cross. Nor would it be hard to see him standing half naked in the torture chambers of early Christendom, stretching the rack on some hapless victim or tending the fire that heated their instruments of torture.

Jim had known he was going to be an enemy, and a bitter one, from the start. Loud-mouthed, blustering, proud of his tremendous strength and his pack of hounds, bragging of his ability to tame anything that walked on four legs and of his capacity for putting away unbelievable amounts of liquor without showing it, Conaway would naturally look on Jim's Christian stand with disgust. But this latest boast of his made Jim's blood run cold.

"We've gotten along fairly well now without God and a church for nearly thirty years," he said with smug complacency, "and we've decided that you folks had better run along and do your sky-piloting somewhere else. We'd like to have this cabin by the end of the week, if you don't mind."

The men shambled off silently, their shuffle becoming a brisk walk before they reached the edge of the clearing. Jim grinned wryly as the men vanished and

the stage whisper comment floated back, "What did that young whipper-snapper want to come in here for anyway and stir up our women folks?"

Turning to his wife, Jim said, "Well, honey, it looks like we do have some allies, but I wonder how we can use them now."

"Jim, does this mean that we'll have to give up and leave after all our study and praying and planning and waiting on the Lord to open a field like this to us?"

"I don't see what we can do, Julie. They've given us the use of this cabin, and you heard the man say that they want us out by the end of the week. We'd have to find another place to live and I doubt if anyone would risk the wrath of the community by letting us have one."

Julie looked thoughtful. "But suppose we did find one," she said slowly. "You don't think these hill country women would dare cross their husbands by coming to Sunday school or that they'd let their kids come, do you?"

"I'm afraid they've decided that they don't want us, or rather that they don't want what we represent, and we might as well face it," Jim said, feeling more discouraged than he had thought possible.

Julie shook her head. "Jim, I can't believe it. Why, I'll bet they don't have any harder field than this in the middle of Africa. Remember how silly I thought it was when village missions started talking about sending missionaries to rural America . . . now here we are being run out of town in civilized, so-called Christian America, and for preaching the Gospel. I just can't get over it."

"Well, honey, I'm afraid that we are finished here unless the Lord does something right quick." Jim looked around at the plain but comfortable furnishings of the little cabin and thought of the love and sacrifice of simple people that had made it possible for him and Julie to come here. The town folks had quietly offered it for their use and had helped them get settled.

It had been a glorious day when together they had pried the boards off the windows of the tiny chapel and had let in the clean daylight for the first time in thirty years. The women had turned out and brought their young, but the

men had studiously stayed away, looking upon the new activity as merely something for the women and kids, but hardly worthy of a real man's attention.

Jim had preached his first Gospel message the Sunday following their arrival and it had fallen on thirsty ground, rich ground. Seven ladies and a score of kids responded to the invitation, many with tears of joy running down their faces.

The weeks had gone into months and the new converts, meeting around the big, old-fashioned, dining room table on Thursday nights for Bible study, had begun to grow in the Lord, and he and Julie had really come to know and love them. Here, too, the mountain women had come to find solace for their grief or to share their joy with the new parson and his missus. Jim had ridden far into the mountains on the little mare they had given him, visiting in their homes, sharing their frugal repast, praying over those who were sick, turning a hand to help a neighbor in time of need. He thought he had gained the respect of the men, but apparently they were just tolerating him. He turned to Julie with a grin.

"I guess some of our new converts took the Gospel home and it turned out to be stronger medicine than some of those he-man husbands could take."

Jim sank into his home-made easy chair and picked up his Bible. He opened it at random and read the familiar challenge that David had flung at Goliath, "This day hath the Lord delivered thee into mine hands."

He read the words again and felt an upsurge of courage, a sudden boldness that exhilarated him with a sense of power. What did he have to lose? He had intended waiting for the proper moment to call on some of these tough characters—some of these spearheads of resistance—but time was running out. If they were ever to be called on, the time was now. He felt a little guilty as he thought of the months he had let slip by. He had been depending a little too much on what he could do, rather than on what the Lord could do. Suppose David had waited until the right time to tackle Goliath!

"Good-by honey, I'm off to slay a giant," Jim grinned. "I'll either be back in peace or in pieces." He saddled the mare with a singing sense of exuberance.

Jim reached under the bottom rail, grasped the collar of Conaway and, with a quick jerk, pulled him to safety.

He had really tapped a pipeline of power. He had a sense of detachment, a feeling that he was being moved by a mighty force almost beyond his control, an odd sense of invincibility. Today he could talk up to Satan himself.

Jim recognized his danger instantly. This new feeling could blind him to the source of his strength and make him proud instead of humbly grateful to the Lord. In a moment, the Lord could

make him like Samson with a haircut. The thought sobered him. What traps Satan could set for the unwary!

It was a short ride to Harry Conaway's farm, but Jim giggled the mare into a fast gallop, suddenly eager for the encounter. Conaway's spread was typical of a mountain ranch: unpainted ramshackled cabin covered with weather-peeled slab siding, split rail corral and a dejected looking barn drooping in the

middle like a tired horse. The cloud of dust and the squealing of an angry horse behind the barn indicated the owner's whereabouts.

Jim tied the mare to the corral and watched the scene with interest. Conaway was breaking a black stallion, but the horse was far from convinced. Jim watched daylight appear between the heaving back and the saddle each time the horse pitched and came down stiff-legged to hit the corral dirt with a jarring thud. Conaway was cursing the fighting black with what breath he could muster, and was spurring him savagely with each jump.

Suddenly the big horse sunfished, cork-screwing his body in mid-air. Caught off balance, Conaway sailed through the air, legs and arms flailing grotesquely. He hit the dirt at Jim's feet, stunned. The stallion reared, ears flattened. Then, with a screaming rush he prepared to finish this hated enemy with a pair of murderous front hooves.

Jim reached under the bottom rail, grasped the collar of the prostrate Conaway, and, with a quick jerk, pulled him to safety just as the sharp hooves chewed the ground where he had been but a moment before.

Conaway shook his head groggily, then seeing Jim, asked, "Where in—where did you come from, preacher?" He glowered, and, without waiting for a reply, said, "That nag must have throwed me clean over the fence." He struggled to his feet, then turned to Jim. "If you came out here to try to talk me into letting you stay around with your preaching, you're wasting your time. And now if you'll just git, me'n this nag have got some unfinished business to attend to."

As Conaway picked up a piece of broken singletree and crawled through the rails, the sweat-streaked stallion came to life with a purposeful charge.

Conaway retreated hastily. "Why you—" he caught himself, realizing his visitor hadn't gone. Suddenly a bleak and mirthless smile twisted his mouth and Jim felt a chill of foreboding.

"I've always said that religion was for women and kids and preachers and people that either couldn't or wouldn't do a man's work." Conaway carefully emphasized each word. "I'm getting almighty tired of you coming in here and stirring up our women folks till there ain't no living with them. And now I'm going to prove you're a coward."

"If what you have been preaching is worth a plugged nickel, and it is true what you say, that it takes a real man to be a Christian, I want to see you climb up on the back of that black yonder and ride him." Conaway sneered contemptuously. He seemed confident that his challenge would fall on deaf ears.

Jim felt cold fear like ice water begin
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Journey of Joy

by Doris Louise Seger

AT THE core of Christianity is one theme—joy.

From the miraculous announcement to amazed shepherds, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy," to the final approbation, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," a song of joy filters through every experience of every saint.

Webster says that joy is "the emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good; the sensation caused by the prospect or possession of what we love or desire." Joy is the most vivid feeling in the soul. It is experienced alike by angels, men, and God.

Adoniram Judson, pioneer missionary to Burma, so radiated the joy of the Lord, that before he had even learned the language he walked up to a Burman and embraced him. The man went home and reported that he had seen an angel. The living Christ filled Judson's whole being with such joy that men called him "Mr. Glory-Face."

Robert Louis Stevenson put it this way, "When a happy man comes into a room, it is as if another candle had been lighted."

We can have joy in a person. That Person is the Lord Jesus Christ. "We joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ," says Paul. Isaiah's experience was similar. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God," he said.

When Haydn was asked how it was that his church music was always so cheerful, the great composer appropriately replied, "I cannot make it otherwise. When I think upon God my heart is so full of joy that the notes dance and leap from my pen!"

We can have joy in a possession. We possess the very Word of God. This should produce in us not merely a scanty, squeezed-out joy, but exuberant happiness, for the Lord Himself said of it, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

In the Word, we find strength. Nehemiah tells us that the joy of the Lord is our strength. In the Word, we find avenues of service, for the Psalmist said, "Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy." In the Word, we find as Christians satisfaction, for "God answereth him in the joy of his heart." When David slipped away

from the Lord, the first thing he asked for when he returned was that his joy might be restored.

Marcus Dodds, world traveler, said, "I have been in every land on which the sun shines and never have I anywhere seen a single happy, hopeful face among those where the Word of Jesus Christ has not been preached."

We can have joy in prayer. The Christian's joy comes largely from his communion with his Savior.

Into a mission chapel in Pekin where prayer was being held, a poor coolie came and knelt. He was ignorant, stupid, and continued kneeling while the others listened to the gospel message that was hard for him to understand. Finally, he arose with a happy face and stammered out, "I am nothing but a poor, stupid coolie. I have no money, and no learning, but in my heart's center I have an unable-to-speak-it-out joy."

We can have joy in persecution. Often when we look over our troubles in the face, it is hard to see the blessing in them, but as we look back when they are all over we can "count it all joy." Salvation does not mean freedom from all troubles, but it does mean unspeakable joy through them all. We are to rejoice, inasmuch as we are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that, when His glory shall be revealed, we may be glad also with exceeding joy.

A Brahman of distinction in Western India recently became a Christian and was baptized. By this act he lost forever possession of his houses, his fields, his well, his wife, and his children. Such was the inexorable law of caste. Someone asked him how he stood such sorrow. He replied, "Ay, I am often asked that, but I am never asked how I bear my joy, for I have joy within which no one can take from me."

We can have joy in a prospect. At the close of our "Journey of Joy," we will experience the full meaning of that which has been a mere shadow of things to come. In His presence is fullness of joy. At His right hand are pleasures for evermore.

We can shout with Jude his paean of praise to God as he cries, "Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy . . . be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."



Maj. Gen. W. K. Harrison, senior U. N. truce delegate, tells Jarvis, "I am only a little bit of a man with a great God."

Assignment Korea

by Fred D. Jarvis

CHRISTIAN LIFE Foreign Correspondent

The sense of urgency is vividly impressed upon this reporter as he observes the suffering, crushed and bleeding land of active warfare.

I AM writing this now from the press train at Munsan, Korea. The train never goes anywhere and the town doesn't exist. Munsan is famous around the world, since it is from the train here that correspondents dispatch their daily news reports. I am told that Munsan was once a flourishing town of several thousand. Today not a house is standing. This is war.

A few hours ago, I saw it first-hand as I talked to GI's at forward battle stations. As a matter of fact, my front-line experience might easily have ended on the dark night that the blacked-out supply truck turned over on the way up to the outpost. Providentially, God must have intervened for some reason to enable me to recount what I heard and saw.

Probably it is natural I find it difficult as I sit here to put into words the tremendous impression of urgency I feel as I realize that here at almost any hour the spark might be ignited which would plunge the

entire world into a mighty holocaust of a desperate war.

As an accredited U.N. press correspondent of the Far East Command, representing *CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine*, I was flown by army plane from Tokyo to Seoul.

A Reuter correspondent and I were driven the 28-mile distance from Seoul by army jeep to the press train at Munsan. After refreshments in the mess hall, we joined the convoy of seven other jeeps and were escorted to the neutral territory and the town of Panmunjom, about 15 miles away. Shortly after our arrival, three helicopters brought the United Nations delegates to the tents where the peace talks were held.

Vice-Admiral C. Turner Joy, former head of the Allied delegation and now superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, pointed out that the Communists persisted in using the conference as a sounding board for their propaganda and were unrealistic in their

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outright refusal to face the bold facts.

We returned to the correspondents' tent where Air Force Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, official U.N. spokesman, elaborated on the developments of the day. One of the things he revealed was that the Communists had claimed that the U.N. had violated their truce agreement and had dropped flares and shelled the safety zone around Kaesong. They were demanding an investigation.

The reporters competed with each other in an effort to join the investigation party. After a few words with Gen. Nuckols, I was fortunately chosen as one of the correspondents to accompany the group. Our jeeps joined the Communist jeeps in a convoy that took us through the city of Kaesong and beyond. The investigation proved inconclusive of the Communist charges. The trip enabled me, however, to see something of life in the Communist territory. I conversed with a number of the Communist photographers and drivers in Chinese.

By the time we returned to the press train, we were plenty tired.

Another matter that held a high priority on my list of things to do in Korea was to interview Major Gen. W. K. Harrison, newly appointed head of the Allied

delegation negotiating with the Communists for an armistice in Korea. I requested the PIO (Public Information Office) to arrange an interview. A little later a call came, "Are you ready to go to the Base Camp?" We boarded his jeep and I was escorted by Gen. Nuckols to Gen. Harrison's tent.

I soon forgot that he was Deputy Commander of the 8th Army and senior United Nations truce delegate, whose name is seen almost daily on the front pages of the newspapers of the world. The professional attitude of a reporter interviewing a General gave way to blessed spiritual fellowship as we mingled our voices in prayer and talked about the things of God. He insisted, "There is nothing special or important about me. I am only a little bit of a man with a great God." He insisted, "Give Christ the pre-eminence instead of me."

The next day I visited the front lines in the Western sector. Here a young Marine was requested to escort me to the farthest outpost. Soon we passed a sign reading, "Helmets Must Be Worn Beyond This Point." Over these narrow ridges, hardly worthy of the name road, the jeep bounced along through No Man's Land.

Our effort to hold on relieved some of

the tension which we felt in realizing, as the jeep driver had said, "A thousand enemy eyes are staring at us." We went as far as the jeep could go, and then walked to the ridge of the mountain.

My escort warned me to stay on the narrow path. "This is enemy territory and mines are everywhere," he cautioned.

From the mountain summit, we looked over to the next range which was infested with enemy troops. Here on this dangerous and lonely outpost, amidst the sounds and smoke of battle, I listened to my armed escort as he told me how three years before he had given his heart to the Lord and now witnesses to the Marines even out here on the battle line.

"Yes," I thought to myself, "God has His men everywhere." May God bless "Deacon" or "Preacher" as the Marines call him. May many more of our boys be living witnesses for Christ where men are daily dying.

On our way back, we passed some Marines in their trenches eating C-rations. The driver explained to me this was the MLR (Main Line of Resistance). We stopped and took pictures. They took me inside of the "bunker," a glorified fox-hole or underground room, built of sand bags. They explained that this is where they make their home from 40 to 60 days at a time, alternating on day and night duty, manning the machine gun and keeping watch. Just a few days before, a heavy battle raged near this spot.

I couldn't help but think of how many "soft" Christians there are at home who do not "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." O, that the Church would get on a war footing and wage an all-out aggressive campaign to carry the Gospel to the farthest outposts of the world!

I had hoped to spend the night in a bunker at another outpost. We drove up to the battalion headquarters and the Sergeant-Major sought to provide transportation for me.

By the time I had some C-rations, darkness was upon us. I was told that a truck loaded with supplies would be going up to the outpost in spite of the dark and that I could ride with them. After considerable waiting, I was informed that the truck had gone on without me. I was given the password for the night and was told that they would try to provide a jeep.

A little later, the Sergeant-Major came into the chaplain's tent where I was waiting. He said, "It is a lucky thing you did not get on that truck. It just turned over and many are injured." The next day I had learned that one had died and many had been hospitalized.

The Sergeant-Major explained that they would still take me if I wanted to go, but that it was very dangerous traveling without lights with the enemy so

Alan Winnington (facing camera) of *London Daily Worker*, was spoken to by Jarvis.



close. It didn't take much persuasion for me to consent for him to phone the outpost and tell them it wouldn't be necessary to send the escort to accompany me down the mountain to the trenches.

Presently, Chaplain Carl Herrick, graduate of Columbia Bible College, and his assistant, a young chap by the name of Johnson of Northwestern Schools, returned and we had a delightful time talking and praying together.

The next day I interviewed some of the GI's. One young man, won to the Lord eight days before, related how the Assistant Chaplain had gone out to the woods with him and talked to him about his soul and how they knelt as he opened his heart to the Savior. Letters from Christian loved ones at home, urging him to accept the Lord, coupled with the fact that the next day he was to go out to front-line duty, made him think seriously of the issues of life and death. This ought to encourage Christians at home to keep in close touch with the boys in service. Your letter may be the one to help bring some boy to a saving knowledge of Christ.

During these days in Korea, the headline stories have been about the POWs on Kojé Island and what is being done to control them after their capture of Gen. Dodds.

There is another side to the story than that which you've been reading. Not all of the Communist POWs are a rebellious lot. If you could have been with me last Sunday afternoon and seen a group of some 1,500 POWs sitting on the hillside singing hymns, many of them carrying Bibles, your heart, too, would have thrilled at the sight.

Presbyterian missionaries Harry Hill and Otto DeCamp explained that they have three services for the POWs every Sunday, besides daily prayer meetings and a Bible school. Hill feels that this is a unique opportunity and devotes five

Services on the front are held by this marine infantryman, a Baptist preacher.



Fred Jarvis stands before press train ready to board a jeep in convoy through Kaesong.



Burned out capitol of Seoul is a grim reminder of the reality of the Korean war.

days a week to teaching more than 200 students in the Bible school there.

In recent weeks, the POWs on Kojé Island have been divided up into a number of smaller groups in various localities. Formerly, there were 14 Bible institutes on Kojé Island with an enrollment of 3,233 prisoners. More than 500,000 tracts, 150,000 Scripture portions, and more than 6,000 New Testaments have been distributed.

It is estimated that five per cent of the prisoners were Christians, many of them having been fervent believers from North Korea. According to the *Stars and Stripes*, Army newspaper out here, which devoted a whole page to this subject entitled, "Kojé-do's Men of Faith," during one week 97 Protestant religious activities were attended by more than 83,000 prisoners; 1,271 of the men passed a Bible correspondence course.

God is still mightily blessing the work among the POWs under the leadership of such evangelical stalwarts as DAC Chaplains Harold Voelkel, Earle J.

Woodberry and Bruce A. Cummings.

In my next story, I hope to give a picture of the church at work in Korea. Meanwhile, I urgently request prayer on behalf of this crushed, bleeding, suffering land. Without doubt, Korea presents one of the most urgent missionary challenges today. Christian leaders by hundreds have been martyred. The church is in a fierce struggle. Persecution rages. Christian institutions have been destroyed.

Pray for the persecuted Christians in North Korea and the suffering Christians in the South. Pray for the missionaries, separated from their families, who labor under the load of multiple responsibility. Pray for the tremendous need for gospel literature sadly disrupted by the war. Pray for our boys on the field of battle. Pray, as it pleases God, that this war may cease and that the battle behind the battle may be launched on a full scale, namely, the battle to evangelize, uplift, and rehabilitate the Land of the Morning Calm.

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The Gait of Galilee

by Vance Havner

The go-getter pace of these days is a far cry from the New Testament pattern.

SOMETIME ago I returned home from a preaching trip. It was mid-April and the beauty of early spring was beyond words. When I awoke in the morning, a white-throated sparrow was singing outside my window. I made my way to a favorite haunt of mine deep in the woods, an old deserted mill, water-wheel and all, far from the roar of the highway.

It was like entering another world after weeks in the hubbub of travel. All my old bird friends, the vireos and warblers, the cardinal and wood thrush, were there. I felt like a prodigal returned and almost like apologizing for my long absence. I thought of my boyhood days on the farm. I remembered my first pastorate in the country where I walked the dirt roads and studied by a kerosene lamp—and learned more than I ever have since!

Now I am much older and weary and in danger of falling in with the tempo of today. My doctor had advised a lighter schedule. My good wife had advocated it. Common sense recommended it. I found that the testimony of the Book and the voice of the Spirit also said, "Be still." I know it is not stylish nowadays, but I am whittling my program down to a more leisurely pace.

Do you say that it cannot be done in your case? You cannot afford it? You may find yourself flat on your back for a stretch if you don't. If you can afford that, you can afford this. Better come apart and rest awhile. It is just as Scriptural as doctrines we argue about.

Better learn the gait of Galilee!

We Christians are disposed to crown the good old days with a halo. Like Saul, we try to call up departed Samuels. "Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? For thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this" (Ecc. 7: 10).

The way out does not lie in looking backward nor in a change of scene. Nevertheless we have been caught in the modern pandemonium and it seems never to have occurred to most of us that the go-getter pace of these days is a far cry from the New Testament pattern. The whole tenor there is one of plain, simple,

well ordered and moderate living.

Our Lord preached against anxious thought about food and clothing and He lived simply Himself. But imagine preaching nowadays on Sunday morning about "Take no thought . . . what ye shall wear!" Why do we hear almost nothing of our Savior's love for the outdoors? Of course Paul was a city man but then Jesus is our model, not Paul. And when His popularity was greatest and His crowd largest, He could leave

But the saints are about as fond of this present world as anyone else these days.

Worldliness has come to mean dancing, card-playing and a few other selected sins, but in the Word of God it means far more than that. It means the love of this age. "Eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, buying and selling, planting and building"—as it was in the days of Noe and Lot, so shall it be and so it is and most of our time is spent on some variation or other of these themes.

Listen to the conversation before and after church and you will discover that the saints are very much taken up with this world. "What is in the well will come up in the bucket" and one can tell what is in the heart by the topic of the speech. A sermon on covetousness would bring few "amens" these days—and yet is there any sin more common among us?

The Christian soldier is not to entangle himself with the affairs of this life nor conform to the world. He is in the world, but not of it and he is not to love the world nor the things of it. This means more than giving up smoking and the movies. The spirit of this age and the course of this world in its economic, political, social, cultural and even religious life is not geared to the New Testament. The Christian lives by a different pattern and at a different tempo. He starts at a different source, runs a different course and arrives at a different destination.

We ought to set the world an example of calm and simple living. We ought to bear the marks of a citizen of heaven passing through this world rather than a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven. We should not live a hurried life. There is no indication that Jesus was ever in a hurry. He was busy but not hurried. We need to learn the gait of Galilee!

John Wesley said, "I do not have time to be in a hurry." "He that believeth shall not make haste." God never meant that we should live at the present pace. The journey is too great for us and there are too many exhausted Elijahs under junipers.

Our Lord took time to look around.

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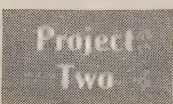


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the multitude for a mountain, success for solitude.

Paul himself writes, "Having food and raiment, let us therewith be content . . . for the love of money is the root of all evil." He exhorted the Thessalonians to work and eat their own bread with quietness and asked Timothy to pray for kings and all in authority "that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all piety and gravity." We are advised in Hebrews, "Let your manner of life be without covetousness and be content with such things as ye have."

A Christian is a pilgrim and God never meant that he should drive down his tent-pegs in this world which is only his passage, as Matthew Henry said, and not his portion. The old Negro cook who said, "I wears this world like a loose garment" had the right idea.



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World Literacy

by John Ferguson

ONE OF the most startling facts of modern times is the sweep of world literacy. In the last twenty-five years 150 million people throughout the world have come into a reading knowledge of their language and every year the number of those who can read is being increased at the rate of 1½ million people a month.

In most of the countries, literacy programs have been inaugurated, even in the most backward rural, as well as urban, areas. A missionary recently stopped in our office in Detroit, and received several thousand Spanish tracts for distribution on a trip through Mexico into Guatemala, Central America. Later he wrote us:



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"In Guatemala, as soon as I crossed the border, I began to throw tracts out the window of the car. Up cobble-stone roads and mountain trails with undescrivable grades and road surfaces, we drove for almost 200 miles till we came to our destination at beautiful Lake Atitlan where my friend Carl Moses lives. Over this 200 miles we threw out tracts every four or five hundred feet, or wherever we met someone, which was about that often. In no case was a tract wasted—believe it or not—but instead, the people ran, and sometimes fought, for possession of a tract. I never saw such avidity for reading matter.

"This avidity for reading matter largely stems from recent progressive measures taken by the government to create universal literacy among the people. Even in isolated Indian districts there are now schools, though the people are too poor to buy anything to read. The result is an amazingly fertile field for tract distribution."

Four facts face us in view of this:

First, these new literates and hundreds of millions of other literate people throughout the world are poverty ridden and unable to purchase literature of any kind.

Second, newly literate people are extremely eager readers. The Japanese youth, for instance, will miss a meal to have something to read.

Third, the cults, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science and others, are fully aware of this open door to the minds and the hearts of countless millions.

Fourth, much of the success of Communism has been due to the fact that they have taken advantage of world literacy to capture the minds of men.

Our experience during the last eleven years in this field has demonstrated in a mighty way that God is using the printed page to win multitudes to Christ. For instance, the results of our distribution of "The Reason Why" in German throughout Germany and Austria have been thrilling beyond description. Literally thousands have been saved and blessed. Since

the termination of the last war we have received an average of fifty letters a week from Germany and Austria and now the booklet is counting for God in every city, town and village in these two countries.

During my visit to France in 1949, I was amazed to learn of the neglect of that country. It was almost a shock to stand on the top of Eiffel Tower and look out on a city of 5 million people, Paris, and think that one could count on one hand all the effective Gospel testimonies.

I learned that there are 32,000 towns and villages in France that have never been visited by gospel messengers. France has a population of 41 million people, of which only one million are nominal Protestants; ten million are nominal Catholics, of whom only five per cent ever enter a Catholic Church. This means there are 30 million people in France who make no profession of any religion whatever. Contrast the Belgian Congo with approximately ten million people and, by the last census, 1,617 missionaries, to France with less than two hundred full-time workers and more than four times the population.

In the light of this, we have been deeply burdened for France and the French-speaking world. We are so grateful to God that in the last six months he has enabled us to print two million soul winning leaflet tracts in French and 300 thousand gospel booklets, such as Alexander Marshall's "God's Way of Salvation," "The Reason Why" and "The Bible" by George Goodman, all in French. These have been shipped to eleven French-speaking countries throughout the world, including large shipments for 100 Christian workers in Indo-China and for some twenty workers throughout Quebec, French Guiana and Haiti. All of the countries in French Africa are being supplied as God enables.

A year ago we printed one million leaflet tracts in Japan and 100 thousand copies of "Christ's Atonement" by H. A. Ironside and 100 thousand of "The Reason Why" by R. A. Laidlaw.

Miss Gladys Harrow, a missionary to Puerto Rico from New Zealand, was incapacitated from her work for many years but early last year she was able to return to Puerto Rico. That island is 90 per cent Roman Catholic. The Attorney-General, however, gave her permission to distribute gospel literature and Scriptures in the prisons. She writes to tell us that, as a result of the distribution in the largest penitentiary where there are 2,500 men—400 of them being life-sentence men—that thirty to forty of these desperadoes have been genuinely born again through the reading of our Spanish literature.

Here, then, is the cheapest and simplest way of winning multitudes for Christ. Dr. Frank C. Laubach, authority on world literacy, after visiting eighty-eight countries, states that if he had a hundred million dollars he would invest every penny in literature, as the most effective way of reaching multitudes for Christ.

He observed the birds and flowers, He watched the ways of nature. He made His way serenely through the world although He faced crucifixion. He had time for simple joys and meditation and solitude, time for little children and fishing trips with His disciples.

We have lost the art of quiet contemplation. Did you ever watch an average American making his way through an art gallery? We have glass-topped observation cars on our railroads now, but the passengers are playing cards or reading novels.

Newton D. Baker once said, "The effect of modern inventions has been to immeasurably increase the difficulty of deliberation and contemplation on large and important issues. I doubt whether there could have been a Constitution of the United States of America if the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention had been currently reported by radio, telegraph and newspapers over the whole extent of the Thirteen Colonies." (And this was said before television!)

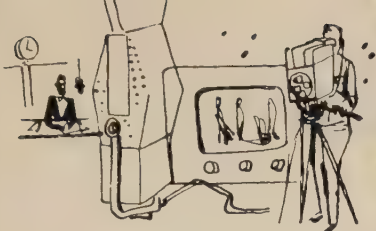
We are sadly in need of a fresh crop of saints who will take time to be holy in the best sense of that term, who will make it their business to know the Lord and make Him known. In this high-pressure, streamlined, super-salesman era, we could use a few Enochs who walk with God.

We are too busy waving slogans and raising quotas to cultivate the secret of His presence. But men are growing weary of this much-ado-about-nothing and one of these days the man who has taken time to keep in touch with heaven will come into his own. That is why even now, when one really gets down to business with the Almighty, he hunts up the old-timers who really knew God. Said Robert Murray McCheyne: "Men return again and again to the few who have mastered the spiritual secret, whose life has been hid with Christ in God. These are of the old-time religion, hung to the nails of the cross."

There is rich reward here and hereafter for the soul who will quit trying to keep up with this age and live in step with God. It can be done. There is a price to pay. Some of the neighbors will not understand and some dear souls will marvel that what they rave about leaves us cold. It will mean turning the back on much of the modern distemper we mistook for progress. And never mind those who are for "burning out" and "wearing out" as though the only alternative were "rusting out." The Christian is not meant to "wear out" or to "rust out" but to "live out." God does not measure us by how much work we do. "We are not always doing most business for God when we are busiest," was Dr. Jowett's wise comment.

Quantity production is an American, not a Bible standard. "Idleness is the

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RADIO-TV

TO AID IN YOUR SELECTION

THEODORE ELSNER
editor



"Voice" Is A Spiritual Adventure

THE State Department extended an invitation to a selected committee of the National Association of Evangelicals to appear before the official panel of the *Voice of America*. We were pleased to hear the administrator of this responsible governmental project declare, "The *Voice of America* is a spiritual adventure."

During the session, a very friendly reaction developed relative to the inclusion of evangelical messengers in the broadcasts of the "Voice." The interview continued for more than an hour, and what was requested of the N.A.E. committee will be speedily completed.

Thereafter, the writer appeared before the Review Committee of the TV Board of N. A. R. T. B. at which time I presented the Resolutions adopted in Chicago at the Annual Sessions of N.A.E. and N.R.B. This too was a friendly interview, continuing for more than 50 minutes. The next day, I was informed officially that sympathetic consideration will be given the Resolutions at their next regular meeting.

■ In a recent hearing relative to the Resolution of Rep. E. C. Gathings, which was submitted to Congress, regarding investigation of radio and television, this statement was submitted to the chairman of the sub-committee:

"It is reassuring to the Christian public to know some members of Congress are concerned relative to the elimination of offensive and immoral telecasting. Representative E. C. Gathings is to be commended for his earnest endeavors to have high quality television programs reaching American homes and our youth. . . ."

Gathings quoted in his message, at the time of the hearing of the sub-committee, the following facts which were obtained through a special study of 2,000 six-year-olds in Los Angeles County, California, public and parochial schools: 82 per cent of these children watch TV every day; 62 per cent would rather watch TV than play outside; 67 per cent ask their mothers to buy what is advertised on TV; 47 per cent sing the songs of the advertisers they hear on TV; 62 per cent talk to their playmates about TV programs; 54 per cent dream about things they see on TV; 59 per cent report that TV programs frighten them.

■ The Royal Hellenic Government of Greece has approved the granting of the right to the Far East Broadcasting Company to install and operate radio stations in Greece, the stations to be known as *Apostle to the Nations*. At the beginning of the Christian church, the Apostle Paul gave the Gospel first to the Greeks. Now, at the

ending of the gospel age, another voice multiplied ten thousand times becomes the *Apostle to the Nations*.

■ Lonely trappers and Indians in the far north areas are being reached by radio broadcasts, according to the Rev. Gaetz of Hay River, Northwest Territories, Canada, in a report to his headquarters. Gospel broadcasting extending over six hours per week is going out over station CFHR at Hay River. During the summer time, this is the only station which can be heard regularly in this area, and hundreds are being reached with the Gospel.

■ Special clinics for Canadian clergymen using radio have been arranged in various parts of Canada by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. They are conducted to acquaint clergymen with the use of the microphone, radio writing and speaking; religious series on CBC networks and stations, and other broadcast topics intended to familiarize them with the special requirements of the radio audience. About twenty clinics have been held to date and a number are scheduled in various parts of Canada for the summer months.

■ Midnight messengers needed. One thousand souls can be reached for 78 cents. This is the factual statement of Columbia TV. More than three-fourths of the New York City viewers who regularly watch TV prefer to watch television during the weekdays after 11 p.m. Only 4.8 per cent view TV before noon; from noon to 5 p.m., 10.3 per cent; from 5 to 7 p.m. 30.3 per cent; from 7 to 11 p.m. 45.6 per cent; but after 11 p.m., the startling figure is 51.1 per cent.

The estimated cost of reaching one thousand viewers after 11 p.m. is only 78 cents. Hence, it is not surprising that all-night television in Pittsburgh is proving profitable. According to latest reports, advertisers are waiting to get on. Swing-shift workers have complained that when they reached home they could see little, if any, on TV. A check of steel mills and other plants in that area indicated that there is a potential audience of about 200,000 swing-shift employees. Truly, *midnight telecasters* of the Gospel should be in action.

■ N.A.R.T.B. will direct participation by 2,300 stations in an election drive program, which will include monthly material urging citizens to register, encouraging them to become informed on candidates and issues, and later to go to the polls. In the last ten days of fall campaigning, all stations will be asked to broadcast minimum of ten get-out-the-vote announcements daily.

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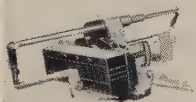
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Christian man, single, wishes to serve the Lord as a night watchman or any responsible position with a college or similar institution. Mechanically inclined. Middle age. Best of references. Available Sept. 1. Box G-330.

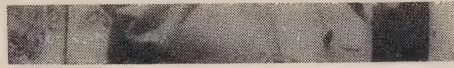
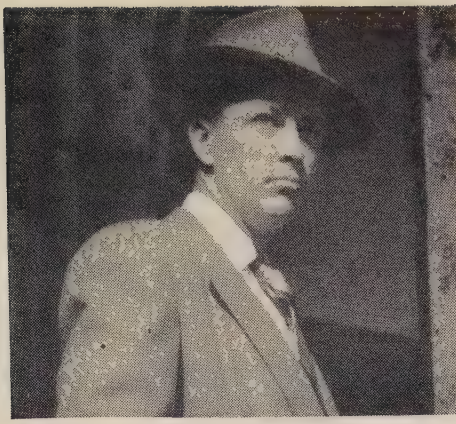
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Electro-mechanical engineer. Experienced in technical and administrative positions from design through production of appliances, aircraft, automotive equipment and missiles. Spare-time Christian worker. Age 34. Box G-315.

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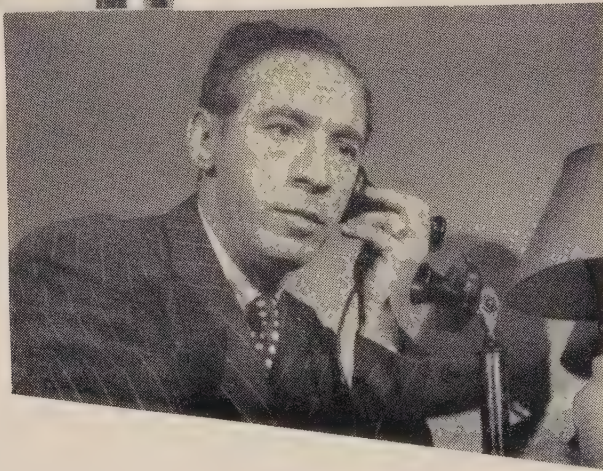


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"It was in such a stalwart Christian atmosphere that we were reared and from which all of my brothers and sisters left home, one by one, to attend Moody. Ever since I could remember I had dreamed of attending the

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WORLD

Summer Jitters Hit U.S.

Evangelicals Accelerate Pace

AS THE SUMMER SEASON advanced, there was abundant evidence that the unsettled state of the secular world had invaded the Christian realm. Maybe the political situation in the U.S., the Korean dilemma, and the deep-seated apprehension over the financial future contributed to the jittery atmosphere.

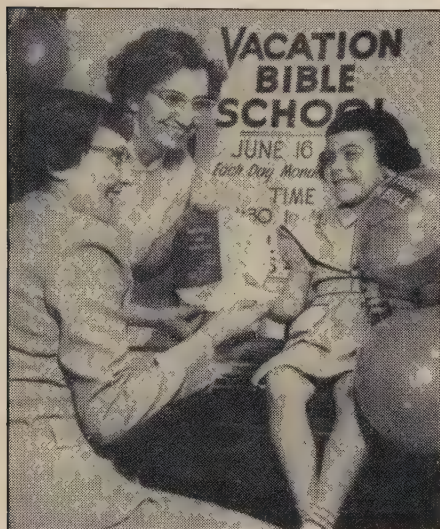
There were, of course, good reports as well as disappointing ones. The evangel-

While the summer slump had come to many Sunday schools across the land, it could not be denied that evangelicals generally were awakening to the precious heritage they had in this great agency of the local church. They were excitedly scrambling around to find out ways and means of doing a better Sunday school job. Many leaders were making plans to be on hand for the National Sunday School Convention to be held in Portland, Oregon, October 1 through 4.

On the darker side, there were reports that the state of jitters was keeping donors from digging down to support the cause of Christ. Some of the largest and most greatly blessed evangelical operations were running in the red.

Missionaries reported varying experiences. There were revival conditions in Brazil, the Ruanda district of the Congo, parts of Japan, but the threats of growing nationalism made it difficult for workers in such areas as Central Africa, India, France and elsewhere. The Reds seemed for the moment to be winning the battle over the ancient faith in China and in the European countries behind the Iron Curtain. The Romanists were continuing their shameful butchery in Colombia, possibly a pilot effort for a program to be extended throughout Latin America.

Throughout the U.S. and across the seas, there were steady, faithful witnesses, unswerved by the whirling currents of the contemporary world. In the midst of it all they knew best the meaning of "Christ, our hope."



SIGNING UP FOR VBS
Parents gave a sigh of relief

ists were making hay in the summer heat and in many centers the response to the Gospel was reaching revival proportions.

Publishers of evangelical Sunday school literature reported the biggest year in history for vacation Bible schools, yet in some areas of the country, including Chicago and Los Angeles, there were reports that fewer churches were conducting VBS efforts in 1952.

Because of the recent favorable ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on weekday religious instruction, there was a renewed interest in conducting released time classes, but evangelicals were not always spearheading the advance.

Bright-eyed zealots of the ecumenical cause suffered a setback when they tried to agree on what they meant by their theme for the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches scheduled for the summer of 1954 in Evanston, Illinois. They found themselves in complete confusion over the simple statement: "Jesus Christ as Lord, the only hope of both the church and the world. Even the peace-at-any-price boys were routed and discouraged. Made the evangelicals look like one happy family.

Calling of a Preacher

DURING THE RECENT evangelistic campaign of Dr. Harry McCormick Lintz in his home town area at Newport, Tennessee, he was impressed by the witnessing of a twelve-year-old boy, Jerry Balch, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Balch of Newport.

More than a year ago, Jerry began to tell his schoolmates about the Lord Jesus Christ with the result that several boys and girls were saved and joined the church.

About three weeks before the Lintz campaign was opened, Jerry decided he'd hold some meetings to prepare his schoolmates for the coming "revival." Every day at recess, a familiar scene was enacted on the playground as Jerry, with his Bible under his arm, moved to the edge of the playground and conducted a service. The attendance varied from 15 to 85, but everyone came and joined the group voluntarily as he pleased. Jerry's teachers, convinced of the boy's sincerity, encouraged him in his efforts.

On the second night of the Lintz campaign, Jerry came forward and entered the inquiry room. There he made known his feelings that God had called him to preach. A few nights later, he gave a ringing testimony before the crowd attending the services.

A crowd of 22,000 turned out for the Lintz crusade. All churches in the county cooperated to make the campaign a success.

23 Die in African Red Riot

A GRAPHIC first-hand account of rioting in which 23 persons were killed and at least 50 wounded as an aftermath of the first elections held in French Equatorial Africa was recounted by the Rev. John Russell of Toronto, secretary-treasurer of the Sudan United Mission, in a dispatch carried by the *Times-Gazette*, of Oshawa, Ontario.



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The deaths and injuries occurred when a Communist-inspired mob was fired upon by the French authorities in the town of Bebaem. One volley of machine gun fire was responsible for the death of 18. The wounded were taken to a hospital at Moundou. Ringleaders of the mob were arrested later and placed in custody at Fort Archambault.

The incident is described as an example of the worst instance of savagery and insubordination on the part of the Ngambi tribe and most severe measure ever taken by the French authorities. The Communists had inflamed the natives by such slogans as "Vote for the cross (symbol used by the DeGaullists) and you'll be the

CONTEST AID

For a contest theme idea see "Christian Life Olympics" on page 63 of the Church and Sunday Management Section.

white man's slave forever. Vote for the lion (Communist symbol) and you'll be free and rich." They even used the blasphemy, "Jesus died on the cross; do you want to die, too?"

Chief significance of the bloody incident is the revelation that the Reds have a highly organized effort to overthrow the colonial government, using anti-white campaign to achieve their goal.

Horror Unabated in Colombia

PERSECUTION of Protestants in Colombia continues despite repeated efforts of U.S. missionaries and societies to stem the tide of injustice.

Henry L. McCorkle, news editor of *Presbyterian Life*, official organ of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., told those attending the denomination's 164th General Assembly in New York that "more than 450 cases of persecution of Protestants in Colombia have been substantiated by investigation and signed statements. He estimated the "total number of cases of persecution as at least 2,000."

A veteran missionary family has written Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, of the Washington bureau of the National Association of Evangelicals: "We have just received word that one of our pastors, Victor Sanchez, was shot in the back and killed in El Morro. I had advised Sanchez and his family to abandon the mission there, especially since buildings had been taken over by the Colombian government and they were in constant danger. Sanchez sent his family out and was preparing to leave, himself, in a day or two when he was shot by soldiers of the Colombian army. No details have reached me. From what information we have lately, it seems terroristic tactics are to be followed in the campaign against Protestants."

In a recent issue of *Presbyterian Life*, a
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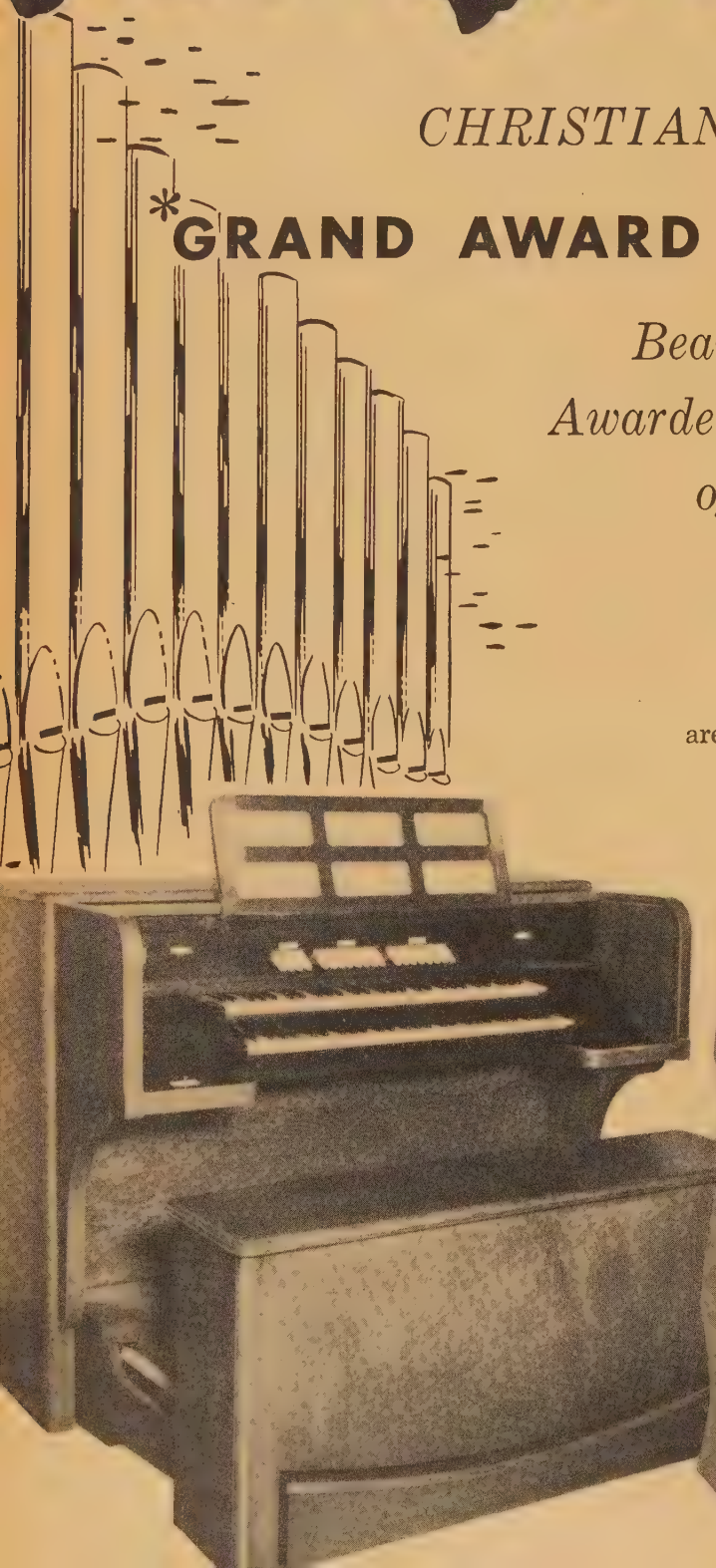
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*Beautiful Genuine Wicks Pipe Organ
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SCHOOL
CAN WIN**



*GRAND AWARD TO PASTOR

36-day, all-expense tour to the Holy Land.

Awarded by "FLYING SEMINAR" of

Winona Lake School of Theology **VALUE \$1500**

Award includes meals, hotels, plane fare, lectures, insurance and guided tours.

Other highlights of tour:

- 1—"On-the-spot" research in France, Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Greece, Switzerland and England.
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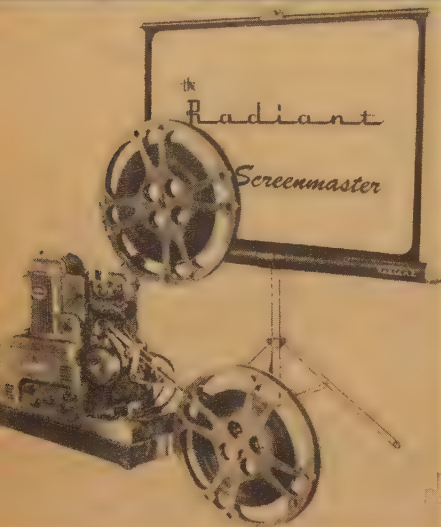
Award includes meals, hotels, plane fare, side tours. You will ride a camel to pyramids, go by car over sacred roads of Palestine with one of America's most experienced guides, go by boat, on Sea of Galilee from Tiberius to Capernaum, visit both Arab and Jewish Palestine, visit Rome, Paris, London, Cairo, Damascus, Athens.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime! Regardless of the size of your Sunday school, of what denomination you are a member, or where you are located, you may win this year's Triple Grand Prize. Schools are divided into five classes according to size, so that the smallest has the same opportunity to win as the largest. In addition, the fair method of measuring increase gives every size school an equal chance to place

among the winners. . . . But even if a school fails to place among the 41 winners of actual merchandise awards, it cannot lose. The consistent testimony of Sunday schools entered in *Christian Life's* Contest year after year has been that win or lose, the total effect has been of tremendous spiritual benefit. Get your school started working on the contest now—and watch the results.

CLASS A

For Sunday schools with an average attendance during the last year of 800 members or more.



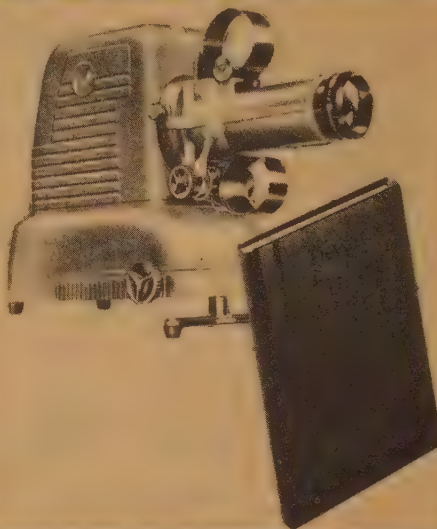
FIRST PRIZE

Ampro "Stylist" Projector, Radiant "Screenmaster"

Projection at its best will be yours with the Ampro "Stylist," well known product of the Ampro Corporation, Chicago. This 16mm. projector which is designed for both large and small audiences and operates at both sound and silent speeds, will be a valuable asset in your visual aid program. Compact, and weighing less than 29 lbs., this portable projector is a prize well worth your best efforts to win.

Good things come in pairs, and as a fitting complement, Radiant Manufacturing Corp. offers a DLS, 50 x 50 "Screenmaster" to make your projection equipment complete. This portable, tripod screen, complete with dustproof case will serve well in your Sunday school.

Value \$433.95



SECOND PRIZE

200 Lillenas Hymnbooks, Viewlex Projector

Your Sunday School will be thrilled with the "Devotion and Praise" hymnbook offered to you by the Lillenas Publishing Company of Kansas City, Mo. A splendid compilation of new and old worship hymns and experience songs chosen to satisfy all ages, this hymnbook will give new zest and inspiration to your singing.

Added to the above is the Viewlex combination slide and film strip projector, offered by Viewlex, Inc. This unique projector, equipped with a self-cooling device allowing continuous operation and protection for your valuable films and slides, is guaranteed for a lifetime of service. Make it yours!

Value \$281.65



THIRD PRIZE

35 Clarin Folding Chairs, Zondervan Bible Commentary

What growing Sunday School does not need more chairs? Here's your chance to comfortably seat 35 more intermediates in your classrooms or auditorium. Clarin steel folding chairs are unsurpassed in durable construction, posture control and sitting ease. Their folded compactness requires minimum storage space. Clarin Manufacturing Company makes possible this prize.

Your Sunday School library will see a sharp increase in value by the addition of the Gray and Adams Bible Commentary offered by Zondervan Publishing Company, Grand Rapids. Comprised of 5 volumes, these commentaries will be a rich source of study material for your teachers.

Value \$193.00



FOURTH PRIZE

Scripture Press Visual Aid Kit, Master Addresser

Stock up on visual aids with the following Scripture Press products contributed by the Scripture Press Foundation: 22 Suede-graphs, 9 Gospelgraphs, 12 flannelgraph backgrounds, 10 yards of flannel, 1 easel combination, 2 flannel maps, 10 steel clips and a book of flannelgraph helps. The most complete outfit imaginable!

Solve your addressing problems with a Master Addresser given by the Master Addresser Co. of Minneapolis. Imprints addresses on envelopes, postcards, statements, folders, etc. Will handle a sheet of any size. Lighten the load of your Sunday School secretary with this delightful prize.

Value \$152.26

Over 1300 Sunday Schools Have Benefited!

"Our attendance of 273 on the final Sunday seemed a wonder to us. Previous to the contest the all-time record attendance had been 218 although the church is 20 years old. It has dragged along for years in the 100 range. The contest really did something for us. . . ."

Bethel Tabernacle
Evansville, Indiana

"It is not possible to express in words our thanks and gratitude to our God for His presence and blessing. At the same time we are deeply indebted to CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine for suggestions and for sponsoring the contest. Only eternity will reveal the number of souls won in our Bible school as well as in the hundreds of others throughout America. . . ."

Calvary Baptist Church
St. Cloud, Minnesota

"Within a year we will have twelve separate rooms for classes, and better equipment with which to teach the many added pupils committed to our trust. Thank you for what your contest did to our staff and Sunday school. . . ."

Faith Lutheran Church
Albany, Oregon

"... We can assure you that the effort expended in the contest proved to be a great blessing to our work. You will be interested to know that there has been a very steady attendance greatly higher than last year's average since the contest effort. We have not gone under 600 in attendance for 8 weeks. Our average as used in the contest was 504 for last year. . . . You can be sure that we will be one of the contestants again this year. . . ."

Arlington Street Baptist Church
Akron, Ohio

Class A Continued

FIFTH PRIZE

**Standard 35mm. Filmstrips,
Monroe Folding Table**

Here's a complete library of full-color filmstrips for your visual aid department. There are 13 Biblical strips (each with 25 pictures) and 14 Life of Christ strips (each with 50 pictures). Yours for the winning with the compliments of Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, O.

Versatility plus is descriptive of the folding banquet-table manufactured and given by the Monroe Company of Colfax, Iowa. Its telescopic legs make it possible to adjust the table to any height between 20 and 30 inches, making it adaptable for kindergarten use, or adults alike. Unequaled in sturdiness, attractive design and folding compactness, this is worth your all-out effort.

Value \$142.45



SIXTH PRIZE

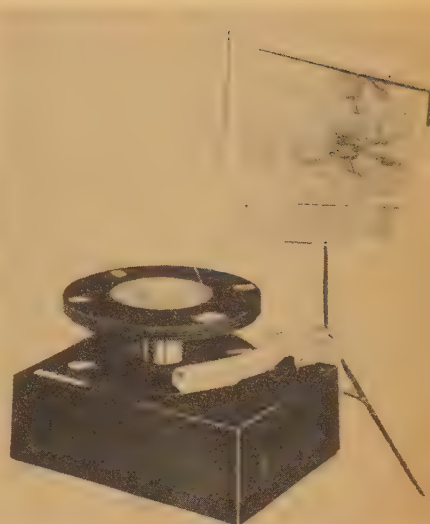
**50 Singpiration Records,
RCA Victor Record Changer,
Westminster Bible Maps**

Here is a complete library of records for a public address system in any church awarded by Singpiration, Inc. of Wheaton, Ill. They may be used to publicize your Sunday School or church in the community and enhance your P. A. system.

To complete your recording equipment, Singpiration offers the RCA Victor automatic record changer that will give you up to 50 minutes of music without need of attention.

What teacher is there who wouldn't be thrilled to have this set of six full-color Bible maps to use in his class? Westminster, maps, products of the West-Philadelphia, are accurate portrayments of Bible lands.

Value \$92.50



SEVENTH PRIZE

**Rudin's "Book of Life,"
Eerdmans Bible
Encyclopedia**

A double value for your Sunday School library. John C. Rudin, and Co.'s "Book of Life," comprised of 8 beautiful volumes, makes the Bible a living book for every age, young and old alike. A treasury of spiritual wealth—4100 pages.

What library is complete without a set of Bible encyclopedia? Comprised of 5 volumes, the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia is a complete reference work containing detailed information on all subjects directly related to the Bible. Your teachers and students alike will find it an inexhaustible source of information. Eerdmans Publishing Company of Grand Rapids provides this award.

Value \$87.75

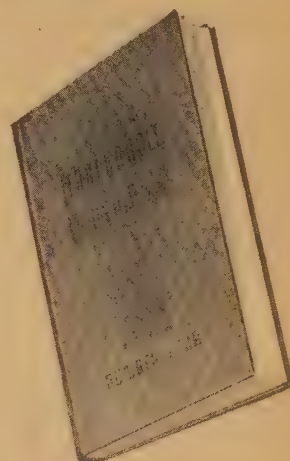


EIGHTH PRIZE

**75 Tabernacle
Hymn Books**

"Make yours a singing Sunday School and church," says The Tabernacle Publishing Company of Chicago. Tabernacle Hymns No. 4 contains 352 pages of songs suitable for all occasions. Special day songs, children's songs, responsive readings, etc., are all at your fingertips in this one book. Sturdily bound in an attractive green or maroon cloth, these hymn books will serve your group well year after year.

Value \$77.50



CLASS B

For Sunday schools with an average attendance during the last year of no less than 500 and no more than 799 members.

FIRST PRIZE

75 Clarin Folding Chairs

Clarin Manufacturing Co. of Chicago scores again by offering you 75 adult steel folding chairs. Keep in step with your growing membership by adequate seating facilities. You will be able to seat 75 more people in comfortable ease with these well-designed folding chairs. Made to give you durability, silent movement, posture control, comfort and folding compactness, these chairs will be a boon to your Sunday School and church.

Value \$410.20



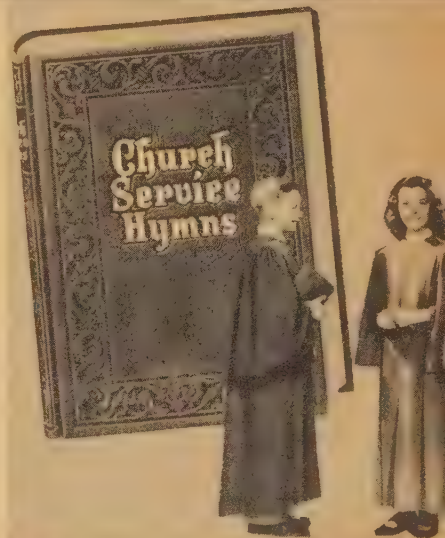
SECOND PRIZE

**12 Moore Choral Gowns,
100 Rodeheaver Hymnals**

Is yours a singing church? E. R. Moore Company, Chicago, offers 12 exclusive Angelic Gowns in Flag Red (or color choice) to enhance the performance of your children's choir. Individually tailored to measurements. Your children will love to wear them.

If yours is a singing church, you will be thrilled to receive 100 Church Service Hymn books for use in all your services. These hymn books offered by the Rodeheaver Hall-Mack Co., Winona Lake, Ind., contain 448 numbers in all, including old favorite hymns, fresh new songs, and songs with evangelistic appeal.

Value 284.52



Class B Continued



THIRD PRIZE

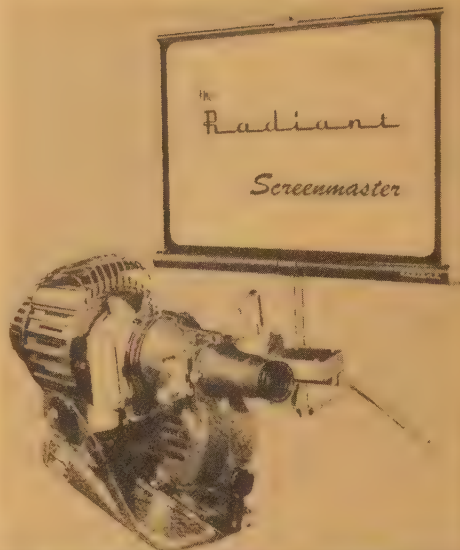
**RCA Record Player,
Singspiration Records,
Zondervan Commentary**

Two record players in one. One for manual playing of 78 and 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm records and one for automatic playing of up to 14 45 rpm records. Unit comes complete with plastic dust hood.

Added to the above fine prize, Singspiration also offers you a complete library of records, including Bible story and missionary adventure albums. You will find endless possibilities for using these records in your classes and other church activities.

And that's not all! For your library, Zondervan offers you a set of Gray and Adams Bible Commentary. Five volumes of helpful reference information for your teachers and students.

Value \$173.95



FOURTH PRIZE

**Golde Projector,
Radiant Screenmaster**

The Golde 300 watt Filmatic projector furnished by the Golde Manufacturing Co., Chicago, will assure you of excellence in your projected visuals. Complete with durable tweed-covered case, this slide and film strip projector will be received with delight.

To match the superb projection performance of the Golde projector, Radiant Manufacturing Corp. adds the Radiant "Screenmaster." This 40 x 40 screen features the new, whiter VYNA-FLECT fabric which assures you the ultimate in projection excellence. Easy to set up, simple to adjust, complete with distinctive case.

Value \$117.20

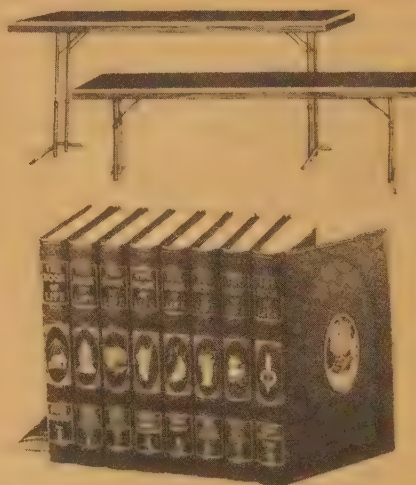


FIFTH PRIZE

**Scripture Press
Visual Aid Kit**

Well known for their outstanding flannelgraph and other visual aid material, Scripture Press offers a complete set of aids which you can use in your visual education. The kit includes 22 Suedeographs, 9 Gospelgraphs, 12 flannelgraph backgrounds, 10 yards of flannel, 1 easel combination, 2 flannel maps, 10 steel clips and a book of flannelgraph helps. The most complete outfit imaginable.

Value \$100.09



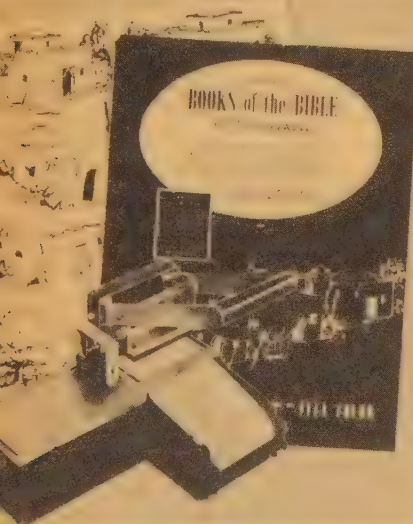
SIXTH PRIZE

**Monroe Folding Table,
Rudin's "Book of Life"**

Need a table? Monroe's folding banquet table will meet your need far beyond your expectations. You can use it with your nursery tots, beginners, primary, and all the way up to adult groups. By means of its adjustable telescopic pedestals, the Monroe table can be fixed at any height between 20 and 30 inches. Folded, it requires the minimum of storage space. Provided by Monroe Co., Colfax, Iowa.

Building a library? Rudin's "Book of Life" will add much to yours. Comprised of 8 beautiful volumes, it is a veritable treasure of spiritual wealth. Young and old alike will find it a source of inspiration. Awarded by John Rudin and Co., Chicago.

Value \$86.20



SEVENTH PRIZE

**Master Addresser,
Standard Pict-O-Graph Sets**

Your addressing problems need not be a headache. Master Addresser imprints addresses on envelopes, postcards, statements, folders, etc. Will handle a sheet of any size. Complete unit includes supplies for 500 name mailing list. No stencils, plates, ribbons or ink necessary.

Besides this, Standard Publishing Company offers a complete assortment of 16 full-color Pict-O-Graph sets, plus adjustable oak easel and folding flannelboard. Suede backed, ready to cut out and use, each with the teacher's manual.

Value \$58.77



EIGHTH PRIZE

**Eerdman's Bible Encyclopedia,
Judson Banners**

For your library, Eerdman's Publishing Company offers you the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia. This is a complete reference work that explains every word of significance in the Bible and Apocrypha, plus detailed information on related subjects. Your teachers and students will find it an inexhaustible source of information.

Keep up your Sunday School enthusiasm by awarding banners to your deserving classes. Judson Press, Philadelphia, offers a set of 3 beautiful felt class banners which you will be proud to have on display in your classrooms.

Value \$45.75

Appoint Your Contest Committee NOW!

CLASS C

for Sunday schools with an average attendance during the last year of no less than 250 and no more than 499 members.

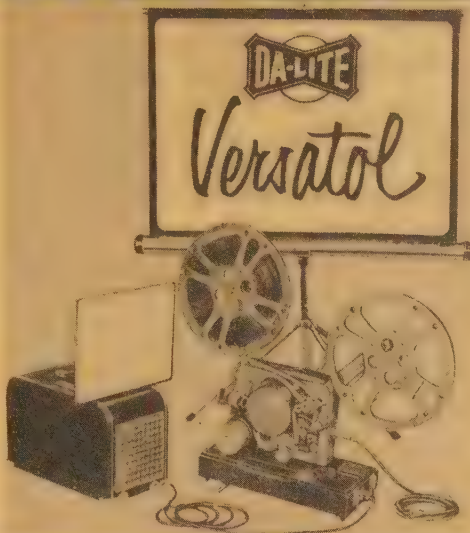
FIRST PRIZE

Movie-Mite Projector, Da-Lite Screen

The International Favorite Movie-Mite Model 63LM 16mm. projector for either sound or silent films heads the list of prizes in this class, thanks to the Movie-Mite Corp., Kansas City, Mo. Light weight, compact, simple and economical to operate, this projector including speaker, desk-top screen and 800-foot reel, fits compactly into one case.

In addition, Da-Lite Screen Company, Chicago, offers one of their 52 x 70 Versatol "White Magic" projection screens to make this prize complete. "White Magic" crystal-beaded surface gives 200% to 500% more brilliance. Light-weight all-metal tripod provides ample strength and rigidity. Products well worth your efforts.

Value \$314.20



SECOND PRIZE

Estey Folding Organ, 12 Collegiate Cap and Gowns

Ideal for your Sunday School or church program, Estey Organ Corp. again furnishes an Estey Folding Organ. This compact, portable, serviceable instrument may be carried anywhere and set up in the same time it takes to open a suitcase. Each organ is equipped with two full sets of reeds. Weight 60 pounds; case, solid oak with dark oak finish.

Collegiate Cap and Gown Company of Champaign, Ill. (with offices in Chicago and New York) offers 12 Songster Junior robes, carefully made for sturdy wear. Attractive Jeweltone colors, vat-dyed cotton, preshrunk and sanforized. Separate yoke available. Wonderful for your music department.

Value \$258.40



THIRD PRIZE

30 Clarin Folding Chairs, Zondervan Commentary

"Comfortable to sit on and hard to tip" aptly describes the juvenile chairs Clarin Manufacturing Company, Chicago, offers to your Sunday school. Practically indestructible, these steel folding chairs can stand hard use in any Sunday school. Noiseless, safe, durable and hygienic.

Gray and Adams' Bible Commentary, published and contributed by Zondervan Publishing House, is a complete practical commentary. It offers complete year-around Sunday school lesson helps. Beautiful, durable, large volumes. Improve your Sunday school equipment by winning these awards!

Value \$168.85



FOURTH PRIZE

Scripture Press Visual Aid Kit, Master Addresser

Add a complete visual aid outfit to your Sunday school's equipment by winning Scripture Press' contribution of 22 Suede-graphs, 9 Gospelgraphs, 12 flannelgraph backgrounds, 10 yards of flannel, 1 easel combination, 2 flannel maps, 10 steel clips and a book of flannelgraph helps.

The portable Spirit duplicator complete with supplies given by Master Addresser Company, Minneapolis, is an asset to any Sunday school. Operation is simple. Weight 12 pounds. Complete with 1 pint of printing fluid and six master units.

Value \$132.59



What the Contest Can Do for Your Church!

"We have noticed marked benefits, as well as an increase in attendance of approximately 130 to 150 over last year. Our average attendance for the past ten Sundays has been well over 350 which is something our Sunday school has never experienced before in its history. We praise the Lord for the splendid increase He has granted, and we are making every effort to hold our new members as well as to work for a greater increase. . . ."

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon

"In every way the contest was successful: it was the first real revival we have experienced since the beginning of the second world war. It was on a very high plane: there was an emphasis on spiritual ways and spiritual things. There was no foolishness and no dishonesty. . . . There was no slump after the contest. Our attendance has been above the average which we made during the campaign. We actually made the average we had aimed at."

Third Presbyterian Church
Springfield, Illinois

"As a direct result of the contest, we are now engaged in the construction of a new addition to our church which will be given entirely to classroom space. We will then have room for about 150 additional pupils."

Assembly of God
Beardstown, Illinois

"We feel that this contest has been a great blessing to us and we're praying that it will be an incentive to keep pressing on for the advancement of the cause of Christ. . . ."

Reubens Presbyterian Church
Reubens, Idaho

"Encouraged by our success of last year we entered again this year and it has been these two contests that have changed the entire character of our church life. We have outgrown our facilities necessitating an auditorium three times the size of our present one."

Hope Union Church
Rosemead, California

Class C Continued



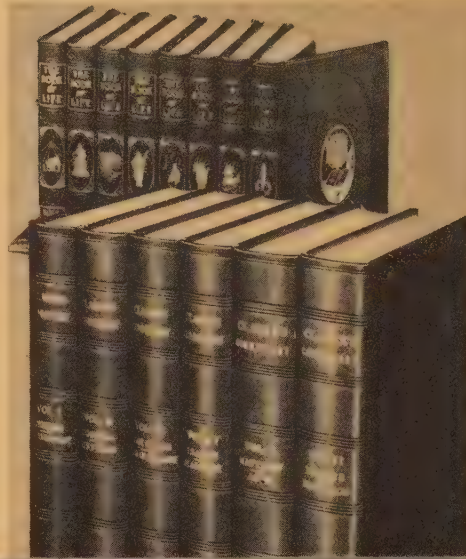
FIFTH PRIZE

100 Tabernacle Hymns No. 4 Hymnals

This All-purpose hymn book is ideal for Sunday school as well as every phase of your church program. Contains great hymns and tested songs. Makes plain God's plan of salvation. Tabernacle Hymns No. 4 is completely orchestrated and is beautifully bound in waterproof cloth in choice of colors, green or maroon. 352 pages with 342 heart-warming numbers. Abundant Scripture readings.

Win these and bring spirited singing to your Sunday school and church.

Value \$110.00



SIXTH PRIZE

Rudin's "Book of Life," Abingdon-Cokesbury Commentary

Excellent additions to your library. The "Book of Life" from John Rudin and Co. will help in every phase of your Sunday school and church work. Comprised of 8 volumes, it is a veritable treasury of spiritual wealth, containing illustrations, maps, visual aids and many other helps for both young and old.

Proved by time and use, Clarke's Commentary is a standard authority for preachers, teachers, Sunday school workers, students—all who seek deeper, clearer understanding of the Bible. A storehouse of Biblical knowledge presented simply and useably. Six big volumes; nearly 5,000 pages. Make it yours!

Value \$75.20



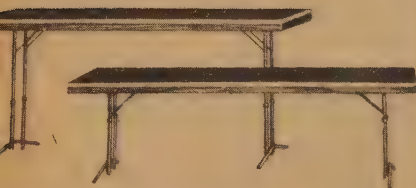
SEVENTH PRIZE

Eerdmans Bible Encyclopedia. Monroe Folding Table

"The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia" published by Eerdmans Publishing Co., will benefit everyone in your Sunday school. Called the "capstone of every Bible student's library," this complete reference work explains every word of significance in the Bible plus detailed information on related subjects—3500 pages of solid information, profusely illustrated.

In addition The Monroe Co. gives a 30 x 72 folding banquet table equipped with telescopic pedestals which makes it possible to adjust the tables to ANY height between 20 and 30 inches. Will not collapse.

Value \$68.45



EIGHTH PRIZE

150 "Sing Time" Books by Singspiration

Singspiration offers this youth songbook which includes 120 selections, such as "He Cannot Fail," "Victory in Jesus," and "On the Victory Side." This 4 1/2 x 6 1/4 book, with special spiral binding, contains gospel songs—some old—some new—suited to the youth of your Sunday school. Every song is singable. This is a book to put into the hands and hearts of youth songs which inspire today and give hope for tomorrow. Yours for the winning.

Value \$50.00

This Success Story Can Be Yours, Too!

"Although we have been in our new church building only nine months, the gains of the contest have us operating at the very maximum we are able to hold. So the next Wednesday after the contest closed the church voted to purchase the property next door in order to provide more room for the fastest growing Sunday school in Kalamazoo! . . ."

Bethel Baptist Church
Kalamazoo, Michigan

"Because of the unprecedented overcrowding on the last Sunday, we were glad it was not a 7 week contest! When 304 crowded into our auditorium which regularly seats 130 we were in a dilemma. We were without a bus but are just now purchasing one as a result of the Sunday school contest. . . ."

Church of the Open Bible
Biggs, Kentucky

"You have created a problem for us in our church. We have more than doubled our attendance, due to the enthusiasm that your contest created in our Sunday school, so that we have had to appoint a building committee to make room for the new students. Our church is grateful to you. . . ."

South Baptist Church
Bay City, Michigan

"We found our second contest effort of more real blessing and achievement than the first. There was more heartfelt interest on the part of each member participating and the Lord richly blessed our efforts. Souls were saved and lives consecrated to Christ. Therefore, we feel that we have been richly repaid and the Lord Jesus glorified by the CHRISTIAN LIFE contest. . . . Thank you very much for this opportunity and challenge in the building of our Sunday school. . . ."

Wamic Community Church
Wamic, Oregon

CLASS D

For Sunday schools with an average attendance during the last year of no less than 100 and no more than 249 members.

FIRST PRIZE

50 Clarin Folding Chairs, Fleming Revell Books

What could be more welcome for a growing Sunday School than an acquisition of 50 Clarin Steel folding chairs for your Intermediate Department? These chairs are unequalled in attractive design, durable construction, seating comfort, posture control, folding compactness, and any other feature one looks for in a folding chair. You will be proud to own them, delighted to use them.

How would you like to increase the size of your library by 43 books valued at \$100? Fleming Revell Company of Westwood, N. J., is offering the winner 43 of their finest devotional, children's and Christian workers books. A most worthwhile prize for your church!

Value \$393.00



SECOND PRIZE

SVE Projector, 75 Hope Song Books, Radiant Screen

For the best in visual projection, Society for Visual Education of Chicago offers the new Instructor 500 tri-purpose projector. Blower cooled; fast, easy threading; brilliant, even light distribution. Carrying case included.

In addition, Hope Publishing Company will give you 75 "Songs of Hope" songbooks. The rich assortment of gospel songs makes it an all-purpose book for every activity.

To top it off, Radiant Mfg. Co. adds the DeLuxe Champion Screen. This 50x50 screen features bright, glass-beaded Hy-Flect fabric which assures you of excellent projection.

Value \$219.65



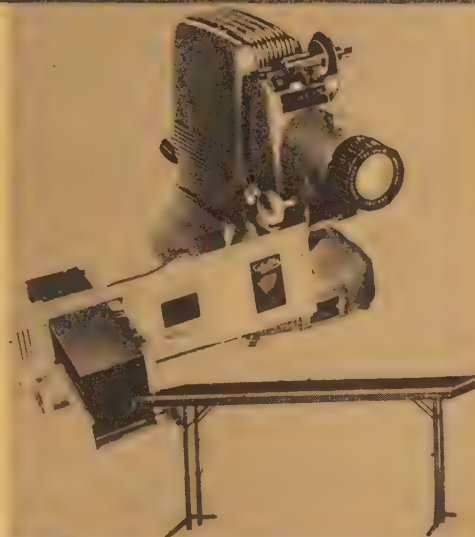
THIRD PRIZE

Three Dimension Projector, Monroe Folding Table

Make sure of perfection in your projection with the multi-purpose projector presented here by the Three Dimension Co., Chicago. Built for single and double frame filmstrips and 2x2 slides, this projector will serve well in your visual aids department. A selection-semiomatic changer and combination case are included.

If it's versatility you want, you will find it in the Monroe folding banquet table, furnished by The Monroe Company. Adjustable to any height between 20 and 30 inches, this table lends itself to a score of uses. Little folks and big folks can use this table equally well. Work hard for it! You'll be glad you did.

Value \$140.45



FOURTH PRIZE

100 Standard Hymnals, Judson Press Visual Aids

You'll sing for joy when you win the 100 copies of the deluxe church hymnal "Great Songs of the Church," awarded by Standard Publishing Company, Cincinnati, O. It contains 600 sacred songs and 52 responsive readings.

You'll be happy, too, to receive the visual aid material presented by Judson Press. It includes a flannelgraph board, made of fiberboard, covered with neutral flannel; the accompanying easel; and a combination bulletin-blackboard. Your teachers will find them wonderful aids in presenting Bible truths to their students.

Value \$139.80

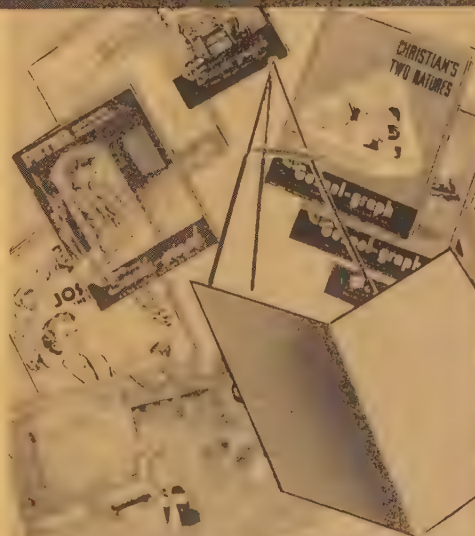


FIFTH PRIZE

Scripture Press Visual Aid Kit

Interested in visual aids in teaching? Scripture Press has just what you need and has made them available for the winning. Their kit includes 22 Suede-graphs, 9 Gospelgraphs, 12 flannelgraph backgrounds, 10 yards of flannel, 1 easel combination, 2 flannel maps, 10 steel clips and a book of flannelgraph helps. The most complete outfit imaginable. Who could ask for a better prize?

Value \$100.09



SIXTH PRIZE

Master Addresser, Singspiration Albums, Abingdon-Cokesbury Maps

Master Addresser will help you with your mailing problems. It imprints addresses on envelopes, postcards, statements, etc. Will handle a sheet of any size.

For your listening pleasure, especially for children, Singspiration offers 10 Happy Time Record Albums and 2 albums each of Bible and Missionary adventures.

Last but not least, five Abingdon-Cokesbury Bible maps will be yours. These are printed in five colors on durable paper, each 22x28 inches. Complete with an adjustable tripod, these maps will be an excellent teaching tool.

Value \$68.47



Appoint Your Contest Committee NOW!

Class D Continued



SEVENTH PRIZE

Rudin's "Book of Life,"
Radiant Screen

We'd like to help you build your library by adding to it Rudin's "Book of Life." This set of 8 volumes sets forth the wonders of God's Holy Word and makes the Bible a living book for every age. It contains 950 illustrations, maps, visual aids and many other helps. A veritable treasury.

We'll help you with your visual projection, too, if you win the superb deluxe Champion 40x40 screen offered by Radiant Mfg. Co. Carefully designed and constructed to give years of service, this screen features the glass-beaded Hy-Flect fabric so conducive to clear, sharp detailed projection.

Value \$61.70



EIGHTH PRIZE

Standard's Devotional
Magazine,
Zondervan Commentary

Twenty worthy families can have the blessing of Standard Pub. Company's home devotional magazine "Christian Home Life" for one year for their efforts in winning this prize. This magazine is an effective tie between church and home.

All your members will benefit from the award offered by Zondervan Publishing House. The Gray and Adams Bible Commentary contains outlines, expository notes, illustrations, helpful material for every occasion that arises in the realm of your church activity. A real asset to your library, this set of commentaries will be a ready reference for information.

Value \$48.95

CLASS E

For Sunday schools with an average attendance during the last year of no less than 25 and no more than 99 members.

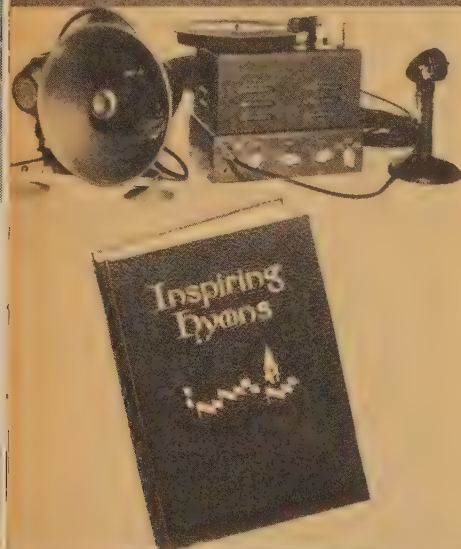
FIRST PRIZE

Hamilton P. A. System,
50 Singspiration Hymnals

This is your opportunity to increase your ministry with a Hamilton Public Address System. Adaptable for church auditoriums, outdoor meetings, tower chimes, annexed rooms, or with ear phones for the hard of hearing in your congregation, this sound system can double your present effectiveness. Awarded by Hamilton Electronics, Chicago.

Added to this, Singspiration offers its increasingly popular "Inspiring Hymns" songbook. 50 of these outstanding hymnals will be awarded the winning Sunday school. Beautifully bound in durable, red morocco cloth and gold stamped finish, it contains 527 favorite hymns and gospel songs.

Value \$341.00



SECOND PRIZE

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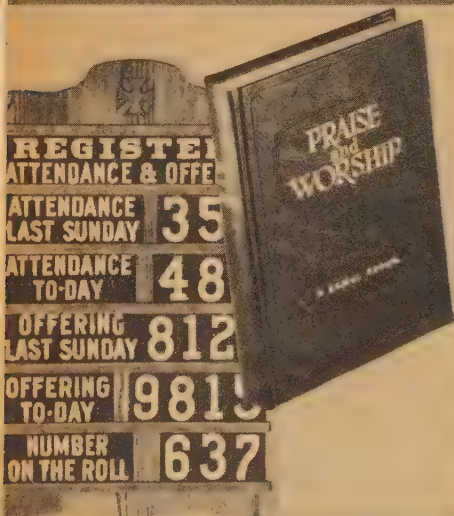
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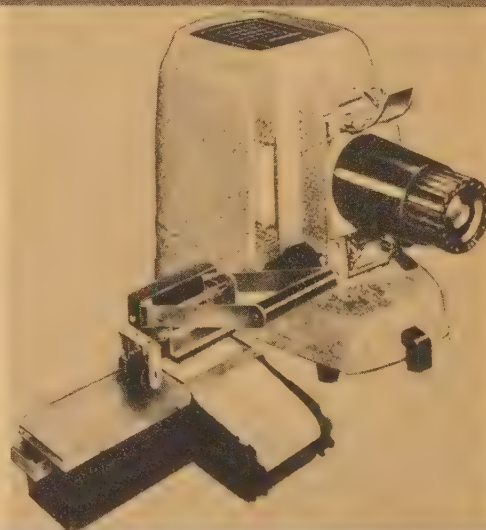
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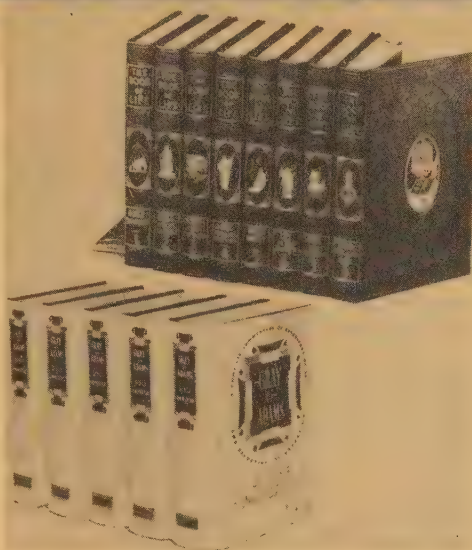
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Sharp charges against the Colombian government and the Roman Catholic church are contained in recent resolutions issued by the Baptist Joint Committee on affairs in Washington and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The Baptist group declared that the Colombian government has ignored all of the protestations received pertaining to the persecutions and that no action "to prevent further violations of this kind" have been forthcoming. "There is no evidence that the Roman Catholic church disapproves in any way such crimes against religious liberty."

The Presbyterian resolution is just as strong: "The evidence in hand makes it clear that these acts are largely instigated by Roman Catholic priests, some of them Spaniards. We know that many people in Colombia, including Roman Catholics, have repudiated this violent persecution and have expressed their disgust and indignation because of it.

Copies of the resolution were sent to the President, the Secretary of State, to all members of Congress, to the Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia, to the Division of Human Rights of the United Nations, and to the Vatican.

Brown Gold, magazine of the New Tribes Mission, carries this letter in a recent issue: "Conditions are getting worse all over the country. One family that we had won to the Lord returned to Bogota from their home in the country and told us that every Liberal and Christian were being hunted and killed as animals and they dared not stay in the country. We are getting the same report from all over, yet the embassy apparently will not believe or investigate. A former sergeant in the army told us that the soldiers were being paid so much a life for each Liberal or Christian they killed, but they have to have the ears to collect the bounty. . . . I told this to a deserter from the army, and he said it was true, and that they paid 3 pesos each (less than \$1 in our money) for a life."

► EVANGELISM

Houston and Elsewhere

BILLY GRAHAM opened a three-week crusade in Jackson, Mississippi, June 15 after concluding one of the most successful campaigns of his career at Houston, Texas. Similar blessing in other centers was reported by leading evangelists including Merv Rosell, Oral Roberts, Jack Shuler, and Hyman Appelman.

The Graham meetings were transferred from the Sam Houston Coliseum, except on rainy evenings, when the crowds swelled to huge proportions in spite of stifling weather. Greatest gathering of the crusade was held June 1 when 60,000 packed the 70,000-seat Rice Stadium, estimated by some to be the largest crowd ever to attend an evangelistic meeting and the largest crowd in U.S. Prot-

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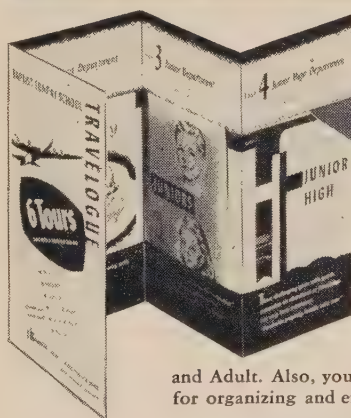
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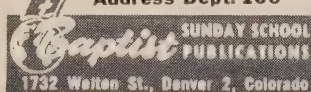
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During the Houston campaign, work was begun on Graham's latest movie, "Oil-town," which has the Texas city as its locale. Besides Graham's team, the cast will include Colleen Townsend; Cindy Walker and Redd Harper, stars of "Mr. Texas"; and Georgia Lee, television actress. The cast, as well as Roy Rogers and his wife Dale Evans, attended the Houston campaign.



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On June 1, Rosell opened a campaign in Oakland, California. A statewide crusade for Idaho was scheduled to be launched August 1 in Boise.

In a successful effort at Fayetteville, North Carolina, 210,000 people flocked to hear Evangelist Oral Roberts, Pentecostal Holiness preacher. In the campaign, 7,283 decisions for Christ were recorded. Meetings were held in Roberts' giant circus tent, said to be the largest used in gospel work.

Jack Shuler reported 326 conversions in a campaign in Anchorage, Alaska, where the liquor outlets outnumber the churches 10 to 1. Out of the Crusade were formed a Citizen's Vice Squad and a Crime Commission. The 91,000 population of Fresno was exceeded by the throngs attending the campaign sponsored by 51 churches. First-time decisions for Christ numbered more than 600.

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Venture in Youth Evangelism

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Boys are separated from girls, and grades 4, 5 and 6 from 7, 8 and 9. Officers of the respective groups are elected and an evening program is divided into four sections: recreation, handicraft, devotions and refreshments.

At a supper in March, 500 youngsters consumed 7,000 pancakes which were provided by a commercial concern.

50,000 Expected at Belfast

ABOUT 200 DELEGATES from the U.S. were scheduled to attend the Youth for Christ Fifth World Congress on Evangelism set for August 10 through 17 in Belfast, Ireland. While many were to fly by chartered planes, others were traveling by ocean liner to be present for the gathering which some 50,000 are expected to attend. Evangelistic campaigns will be held in more than 25 Irish cities following the World Congress.

Scheduled speakers: Dr. Charles E. Fuller, Dr. Robert A. Cook, David Morken, Hubert Mitchell, Jack Cochrane, Hans-Rudolph Wever, Reinhold Barth, Robert Evans, T. L. Livermore, Thorlief Holm-Glad, Arthur Brown, Phil and Louis Palermo, Jim Vaus, Don DeVos, Dr. Frank Phillips and Ted Engstrom.

Blessing in Venezuela

VENEZUELA is responding to the gospel message in an unprecedented way, according to reports from different evangelical groups operating there.

A total of 155,000 tracts provided by the American Tract Society were distributed in Caracas in connection with an evangelistic campaign conducted by the Latin America Mission. In the effort led by the Rev. Israel Garcia, "the Billy Graham of Latin America," some 297 decisions for Christ were recorded.

Thousands poured into meetings conducted by Pentecostal Evangelist T. L. Osborn in the cities of Barquisimeto and Punto Fijo. Among the throngs were many who heard the Gospel for the first time. The attendance at one open air service in Punto Fijo reached 10,000, it was reported.

► DENOMINATIONS

Nazarenes Report Gains

GAINS IN ALL PHASES of the international work of the Church of the Nazarene were reported to the denomination's General Board at a meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Would Revise Lord's Prayer

A MOVE TO REVISE the wording of the Lord's Prayer "as used in public worship" was launched by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at its annual meeting in New York recently.

The proposed revision would substitute the phrase "forgive us our sin as we forgive those who sin against us" or some "similar" wording for "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Methodists, Lutherans and Episcopalians are among the denominations which usually use the words "trespass" and "trespasses," while Presbyterians and most Baptists prefer the words "debts" and "debtors."

► PEOPLE

Personalities in the News

HOMER RODEHEAVER is playing a brand new trombone but he still mourns the loss of his world-famous instrument stolen while he was visiting Vandalia, Illinois, last January. Rodeheaver relates that he left his 35-year-old instrument in a church when he went out for supper. An intense search for it has never brought it to light. Rodeheaver obtained his famous horn from the Conn musical instrument factory in 1917 when he was at the height of his career with Billy Sunday. ■ Dr. Charles B. Williams, author, teacher and translator of the New Testament, died recently at his Lakeland, Florida, home. ■ Dr. Harlin J. Roper recently started his 26th year as pastor of the Scofield Memorial Church in Dallas, his first and only pastorate. ■ Dr. Stan Cook of Philadelphia succeeds Don F. DeVos as associate director of Gull Lake Bible Conference, according to Ben F. Gordon, president. ■ Don Hoke and his wife, Martha, have been accepted as missionary candidates for Japan by The Evangelical Alliance Mission. He has resigned his post as assistant to the president of Columbia Bible College. ■ Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans was re-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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► PRESS

In the Publishing World

A CASH AWARD of \$5,000 will be presented to the author of the winning manuscript in the Biennial Fiction Award sponsored by the William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. The competition closes September 1, 1953. Rules governing the contest may be obtained from the publisher.

Neil R. Murray, editor of the El Monte (California) *Herald*, has been awarded the 1951 Howard R. Smith Annual Award for Religious Journalism. Smith, a layman living in Franklin, Texas, presents his award to news writers who support "the program of Jesus Christ and the Church He established." Smith, a Southern Baptist and a Gideon, travels extensively in connection with his business. He is a former newspaperman. Morgan Blake of Atlanta won the 1950 award.

The Rev. Craig Massey, pastor of the Independent Bible Church in Altoona, Pennsylvania, was named winner of the \$1,000 Juvenile Fiction contest by the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids.

Moody Press has announced publication of a topical Bible compiled by the Rev. Orville J. Nave, former army chaplain. It is a digest of the Scriptures with more than 20,000 topics and 100,000 references.

So popular in Korea has been the Korean language edition of Dr. Don R. Falkenberg's story of the imprisonment and conversion to Christianity of Jacob DeShazer, the Jimmie Doolittle flyer, that requests have forced the printing of an additional million copies by the Bible Meditation League of Columbus, Ohio.

Publication of two important commentaries in the Chinese language has been announced by the Christian Witness Press of Hong Kong, arm of the China Inland Mission Overseas Missionary Fellowship. The works are F. C. H. Dreyer's "Commentary on the Gospels" and Alexander N. MacLeod's "Commentary on I Peter."

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, member of the Fuller Theological Seminary faculty, has written a series of church page articles in the *Los Angeles Mirror*, entitled "Let the Chips Fall." They will deal with his experiences during the course of a flying seminar to the Holy Land.

► EDUCATION

Advances on the School Front

ALTHOUGH rising costs were bringing increased burdens to the administrations of the various evangelical schools across the country, forward strides were being taken by a number of institutions.

President Lewis Sperry Chafer of Dallas Theological Seminary recently turned the first spadeful of earth at a ground-breaking service for the \$125,000 chapel to be named in his honor. The building will house a 500-seat auditorium; complete radio broadcasting, recording and transmitting facilities; and several faculty offices.

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Dr. Willis E. Garrett, president of the Miami Evening Bible Institute, has announced that the school will be enlarged and will conduct day classes in the fall. The Rev. Kenneth A. Amsler, president of the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, has submitted his resignation to the Ohio school and accepted the post of academic dean and promotion manager at the newly reorganized Miami Bible Institute.

The trustees of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary have named Dr. Carey S. Thomas as first president of that institution.

Full academic accreditation by the North Central Association for Colleges and Secondary Schools has been accorded Oklahoma Baptist University, according to Dr. John W. Raley, president.

Bob Jones University Chapter for Future Teachers of America was named "National Banner Chapter" for 1952.

In Allentown, Pennsylvania, the Berean Bible School, sponsored by the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, has purchased three apartment buildings for use by the school. Founded two years ago, Berean now has an enrollment of 100.

Upland College, Brethren in Christ institution located at Upland, California, recently experienced a spiritual awakening. The Rev. Paul W. McBeth was used as the human instrument in the revival.

New Jewish Missions School

A NEW TRAINING SCHOOL for Jewish missionaries is being planned by Professor Solomon Birnbaum, recently appointed executive director of the New York Jewish Evangelization Society.

Professor Birnbaum was born in Austria-Hungary of Jewish parents. He received his university training in Constantinople (Istanbul) and while in that city came in contact with Christian missionaries who led him to Christ. He immediately plunged into Jewish mission work, working for a time in Hamburg, Germany, and for 14 years in London. While there, he attended the London University and Seminary, receiving his bachelor of divinity degree.

After coming to America to work in Baltimore, he was called to the Moody Bible Institute to organize its Jewish Missions Course. More recently he has been working among the Jews of New York City.



BIRNBAUM

Graduation Ceremonies

SEMINARIES and colleges of the evangelical world graduated classes that in most cases were larger than usual during the commencement season of June.

Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and College graduated its largest class in its history with 118 receiving degrees. Chicago Evangelistic Institute, now located at University Park, Iowa, graduated 31. Rockmont College of Denver gave degrees to 32; Dallas Theological Seminary to 35.

YOU CAN'T LOSE

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those who had scorned the Sunday school contest actually began to come over to the winning side. Today whole denominations are embracing the idea of the Sunday school contest once again.

Perhaps the soundest evidence of the permanent value of the contest idea has been the testimony of churches who have found it necessary to expand their facilities because of burgeoning attendances stemming from their participation in CHRISTIAN LIFE's contest. Out in Rosemead, California, for instance, the Hope Union Church had worked hard to build a Sunday school attendance that averaged 435. But growth practically had come to a standstill when Dr. William Orr, pastor, approached his superintendent, Don McAuley. "Let's enter the CHRISTIAN LIFE Sunday school contest and see if we can do anything about our attendance," they agreed. That was 1950, and they increased their attendance to an average of 786 per Sunday—winning the Grand Prize in Class A in doing so.

When 1951 rolled around, they were ready again. This time they went to an average attendance of 1,002 per Sunday in Sunday school. Dr. Orr claims, "These two contests have changed the entire character of our church life. We have outgrown our facilities, necessitating an auditorium three times the size of our present one."

Other incidents are equally as dramatic. Often the close of the contest is marked by the election of a building committee to begin immediately to expand facilities of the church and Sunday school. Sometimes this expansion cannot wait upon the action of a building committee. Often a church is forced to rent property in the neighborhood to handle its growing Sunday school. The Bethel Baptist Church in Kalamazoo reported at the close of last year's contest, "Although we have been in our new church building only nine months, the gains of the contest have us operating at the very maximum we are able to hold. So the Wednesday after the contest closed, the church voted to purchase the property next door to provide room for the fastest growing Sunday school in Kalamazoo."

Many ideas are unique. At the Beth Eden Baptist Church in Denver, for instance, the Sunday school one year chartered a United Air Lines D-C 3 to give pupils a one-hour ride over the city. Other churches released balloons over the community urging attendance at their school. A number of Sunday schools have used stacks of picnic plates—"flying saucers"—imprinted with notices of their worship services. These were dumped from high-flying airplanes over the city. Not a few of the kids who scrambled to pick up the imprinted bal-

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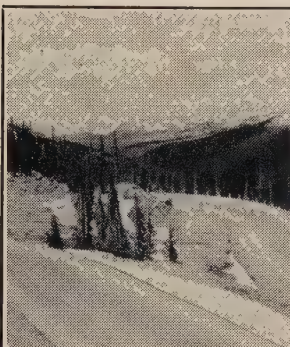
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loons and picnic plates later found their way to the Sunday schools.

The amazing results coming from these contests also highlighted the great ministry of the Sunday school. One Sunday school, for instance, cited the case of reaching a 40-year-old man who had never attended Sunday school in his life. This same school also enrolled a 12-year-old girl who, when other pupils bowed their heads for prayer, did not have the slightest idea of what they were doing.

Today most church authorities will admit that along with the increase in religion, which has been noted across the country, has come a revival on the part of the Sunday school. To what extent CHRISTIAN LIFE's Sunday school contest has contributed to this revival, of course, is unknown. It appears to be significant, however, that the five-year run of the contest has virtually paralleled the revival of interest in the Sunday school.

This month, the CHRISTIAN LIFE Sunday school contest enters its fifth year. As a result of previous successes, together with a greatly stepped up promotional program, it is estimated that 1,000 churches will participate. What the results will be, of course, no one can guess. One thing, however, is sure: no matter how many Sunday schools are entered in the contest, everyone will win. As one enthusiastic Sunday school superintendent claimed, "In this contest, no one loses."

END

RIDER OF SATAN

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to immerse his heart. That black was a man-killer and if Harry Conaway, who was more than half beast himself, couldn't stay on . . . Jim hurled a desperate prayer heavenward. Conaway was rolling a cigarette lazily, but it spilled from his fingers when Jim said, "Get your rope."

"That black devil will kill you," Conaway stated flatly.

"Are you backing down," Jim asked quietly, "or are you going to catch him for me?" Conaway, looking worried, shook his head. "I just don't want your blood on my hands."

Jim felt a sense of awe at his sudden courage. "I may not stay on long, but it won't be for not trying."

Conaway shook out his rope and laid a practiced loop over the stallion's head with an easy toss. In a few moments, he was snubbed to the snubbing post and Jim climbed abroad gingerly. Conaway swept off the blind fold, released him and ran for the safety of the corral fence. The black stood quietly for ten seconds, trembling, then exploded into action.

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The stallion stood trembling but quiet
while Jim slipped off and patted him,
talking softly. The horse nuzzled him
and Jim stole a look at his reluctant host.
Harry Conaway was staring in popeyed
disbelief, his mouth open in amazement.

"I've seen it and I still don't believe
it," he muttered.

Jim shot a silent prayer of gratitude
skyward. This day the Lord *had* deliv-
ered his enemy into his hands. He un-
tied the mare and said, "If you don't
mind, Mr. Conaway, I would like to
hold the Sunday service."

Conaway grunted condescendingly.
"O. K., I guess another day or so don't
make any great difference."

It was Tuesday when Jim went to the
store for supplies. The little group of
men loafing around the card table
stopped talking as he entered. Tension
grew by the minute. The silence was
broken only by the riffing of cards and
the soft click of chips as the gambling
went on. The barrier was almost tangi-
ble.

He really loved these people. Why
couldn't they feel friendly toward him?
But he knew, of course. It wasn't that
they didn't like him personally. It was
just that he had invaded Satan's strong-
hold and, under his dominion, they were
resisting him with all the will they had.
The men kept their eyes averted as he
made his purchases, embarrassed and
ashamed at his presence, but determined
in their stand.

On Wednesday, prayer meeting night,
Jim waited anxiously as the hour came
and went. Reluctantly, he blew out the
light and climbed into bed feeling heart-
sick, friendless and alone. Now he knew,
in a small measure, what the Savior must
have felt on that bitter night in Geth-
semane when all His disciples had de-
serted Him in His hour of trial.

On Thursday, Jim awoke with a feel-
ing of depression. In two days, their
little cabin would be empty and the
little church boarded up, probably never
to be opened again. He thought of the
boys and girls who had come to Sunday
school, their eyes shining as their hungry
hearts were filled with the good things
of the Gospel; of the work-worn old and
young women who would live and die
in these mountains without the knowl-
edge of the good news he was bringing.

Then there were those men whose
days were filled with hunting and whose
nights were filled with drinking and
gambling, but who didn't want the
"preacher feller" to disturb them with all
this talk of sin. Jim picked up his Bible
again and turned to the promise, "This
day hath the Lord delivered thee into

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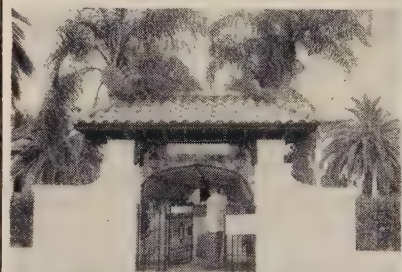
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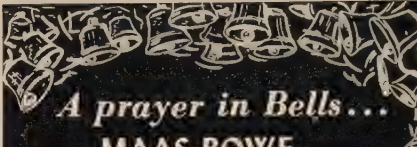
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devil's workshop," but so is busy-ness if it is not the Father's business. And we need not hurry. "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" There is always time enough to do what God wants done. What takes so much time is doing what we want done.

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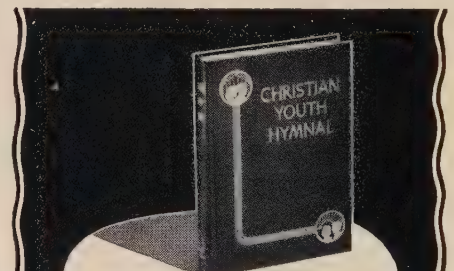
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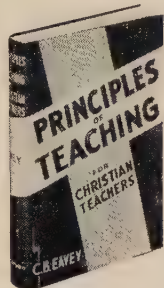
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mine hands." After all, it was the Lord's fight. Jim saddled the mare again. He would go over and see the crusty Homer Ferguson, who had been such a sore spot in his effort. He could try to witness to him, anyway. He hadn't gotten a chance to talk to Conaway about the Lord, but somehow he couldn't feel that his somewhat violent visit had been entirely wasted.

Ferguson was alone in the center of the corral roping calves when Jim rode up. Jim called to him cheerfully, "Hi, Mr. Ferguson. Would you like to hire a cowpoke?"

"If you are as good with a rope as you are a bronc-stomper, I might use you at that," he said with unaccustomed friendliness. "Seems like you kind of surprised Conaway some the other day."

"That's something I wouldn't care to take up as a regular thing," Jim grinned.

"I have five more to rope and brand, then I'll have time to palaver," Ferguson replied. The hint was plain.

Jim chose to ignore it. "I haven't done too much roping since I left the ranch to go to Bible school, but I used to be pretty good," he said. "I'll help you." Ferguson watched him with evident interest as Jim unwound his rope and shook it out. His first toss caught a fleeing calf, slipped over his body then snugged fair around the two hind feet. Jim upset him with a quick jerk, slipped a hair brand on the hip with a glowing iron and turned him loose. "Thank you, Lord," he said.

His second missed and his third caught a calf square behind the ears. He had to wrestle it down to finish the job. It was a good thing he had learned early that boots and levi's were appropriate garb for the "cloth" to wear in this field. Jim threw his third calf as Ferguson caught his second, and stared at him in wonderment as they turned the bawling creatures loose.

"Where in tarnation did you learn to rope like that?" he asked.

"I have one of the best teachers in the world, Mr. Ferguson," he replied.

"Who is that? Maybe I could get him to give me a few lessons."

"Yeah, maybe you could at that. I'll speak to Him about it," Jim replied, surprised that Ferguson hadn't caught on to what he meant.

"Somebody that lives around here?" Ferguson asked curiously.

"Yes and no," Jim teased. Then sensing the hint of irritation on Ferguson's face, he said seriously, "My Teacher lives up there." He pointed heavenward.

Ferguson grimaced uncomfortably. "This preaching is real important to you, isn't it?"

Here was the opening Jim had waited for. "Mr. Ferguson, if you saw a blind



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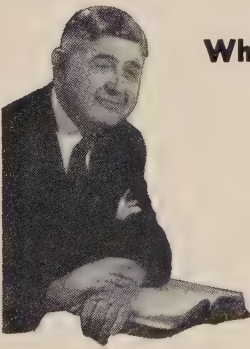
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man heading for the edge of a cliff, what would you do?"

"I'd go head him off, of course, what else could I do?"

"But he doesn't believe you when you tell him he is in danger. He is happy the way he is and he is just as apt to tell you he can take care of himself and for you to go peddle your papers. Why upset the poor guy? He is probably just as happy as you are because he doesn't believe that he is going to walk over the edge of any cliff, anyway. He can't see it. Would you still stand there and watch him do it?"

"Of course not, I'd get him away from there if I had to rope him and drag him off."

"Well?"

Ferguson looked puzzled for a moment, then grinned as the analogy came home.

"In other words, Conaway and I and the rest of the boys are the ones that are heading for the cliff and you are there trying to head us off."

"The only difference is that you don't believe that there is any cliff and so you ask what all the fuss and hooraw is about."

"I guess you have us pegged about right. But I'm afraid that it is too late to worry about that now. We can't see the cliff and the boys are right set on seeing the preacher hi-tail for other parts, so..." His voice trailed off significantly, leaving Jim to finish the unpleasant thought for himself.

Jim rode home dejectedly. He didn't know just what he had expected to accomplish, but whatever it was he certainly hadn't done it. He had failed again.

Sunday dawned sparkling clear and Jim awoke with a strange feeling of sadness. This was to be their last day. Julie already had bacon frying and he could hear the eggs plop as she dropped them into the frying bacon, country style, the way he liked them. The smell of the pine smoke and food set his appetite to a razor edge.

Today he would need all the help that the Lord could give him. No one had turned out prayer meeting night or for the Bible study, but if they stayed away today he didn't think he could stand it.

Breakfast over, Jim walked to the church and at nine began to clang the wagon tire that served as a bell. Children swarmed eagerly through the woods, dressed in their pitiful finery, followed by the mothers he was training to teach the classes. At least, they would have Sunday school on the last day. If anyone came to church it would be a few of the old standbys.

At eleven, he walked out to clang the wagon tire for the last time, although everyone was there that he could reasonably expect. They wheezed out two

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You may have some good ideas and original plans on how to put over your contest. For those who look to us for help, however, we suggest a sample contest theme.

This year, to tie in with the Olympic games, it is the CHRISTIAN LIFE "Decathlon," comprised of six events:

- 1) The 440 yard dash,
- 2) The 120 high hurdle,
- 3) Pole Vault,
- 4) High jump,
- 5) Broad jump,
- 6) The Discus throw.

The outstanding athletes and winners, of course, are those bringing the most new members. Keep the competition keen. Relate all scoring to the events. For example, in the Pole Vault, the new members gained will correspond to the height to be attained.

These are to be featured on the six successive Sundays of the contest period from October 5 to November 9.

This theme readily brings to mind many striking contest slogans and symbols which

can be used profitably in promoting the contest.

A winged foot symbol can be used as an identifying badge and little cloth wings can be given to all the pupils. A small colored flag is another tag which can be used, with the slogan "Flag them in!" The scripture admonition "So run that ye may obtain" can be stressed effectively. You can also have the children look up further Bible references relating to running and other similar analogies as found in Hebrews 12: 1, I Corinthians 9: 24, 26 and Psalm 19: 5.

This being the year of the world famous Olympics, perhaps you can conduct a miniature Olympics and tie in the contest with current sports events by having the pupils bring in pictures of favorite athletes. Posters can be made depicting the various events and hung on a section of the wall where the coming events are listed. They can be illustrated, along with the scoring board.

Each event can be scored separately with a final total goal set. Using the point system on a percentage basis, one can be given for regular students and two for new students. Bonuses can be added for one hundred per cent attendance, punctuality, Bibles brought, new members and restoration of old ones. Likewise penalties can be given, for absentees, tardiness and visitors who failed to return more than once. Divide your school by teams into departments or classes, depending on the size. An unusually small class or department may be allowed a certain handicap.

In keeping with the theme, an evening can be set aside to stress the contest with the film "So Run" as the attraction. It is a sports survey film featuring Gil Dodds, world famous track star, and can be secured from Ambassador Films.

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VISITATION

Our Forgotten Secret

by Hart R. Armstrong

THE most effective means of winning souls, of advertising meetings, of accomplishing anything in the church is to do it by personal contact, by hand-to-hand "gospel salesmanship" doorbell-ringing.

We cannot expect the rank and file of lay believers to enter into this ministry, unless they are trained, inspired to launch forth, constantly encouraged, and unless we prepare an organized plan of action which will enlist and call out the people from the pews of our churches. People are generally willing to work, but they must be shown why, how, when, and where. This is the task of the pastor and the leaders of the church and the Sunday school. A visitation program is difficult, exhausting and unwelcome to many because it spells "good hard work." But it is the most fruitful and effective of any type of ministry.

How does one have a program of visitation? How is personal witnessing done?

First, you must have vision for the program.

Second, there must be a plan. Haphazard, hit-or-miss efforts will mean little, and the vision will fade from our hearts unless we set in motion certain definite plans and arrangements to perpetuate a visitation effort. There are many suggested plans for personal evangelism or visitation. The following factors usually are embodied:

1. Preparation of workers and equipment.
2. Listing of prospects.
3. Organization of a program.

The preparation of your workers includes spiritual inspiration and encouragement, practical instruction on how to approach an unsaved person, definite training on how to win souls to Christ. The pastor, or some capable leader must be given the responsibility of training your people to make them into effective personal workers. This will probably involve special training classes for your people, but their effectiveness and ability will be tremendously increased in even a few well-planned sessions.

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by Dorothea Goodrich Boyd

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Be careful not to make it silly. It is not a story just to be laughed at. The Bible contains plenty of humor and drama, but it is a good teacher and storyteller who puts across the truth God is seeking to teach His children.

Moses had led God's chosen people, the Jews, out of the land of Egypt and across the Red Sea. As they marched (put action into the story by keeping a slow march-time with your feet) through the wilderness, the king of the Moabites saw God's people coming. (Shade your eyes as though watching something in the distance.)

The king did not worship the Lord God. He said, "This is very bad. These people will destroy us. Send my messenger to Balaam, the prophet. Tell Balaam to curse these people."

So the messengers hurried to the false prophet, Balaam, and told him what the king wanted.

"Stay with me tonight," said Balaam, "and I will tell you what the Lord says to me."

God came to Balaam that night and said to him, "Thou shalt not go with these men; thou shalt not curse the (Jewish) people: for they are blessed."

Balaam rose up the next morning and said to the men, "Go back home. The

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Happy children are brought safely to the Sunday school steps.

BRING THEM IN WITH A BUS

by Paul H. Holsinger

OUR church was discouraged, low in membership, finances and morale. One of the previous Sunday school superintendents left saying, "I've tried everything in the catalogue. This Sunday school is hopeless. I'm getting out."

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But to make a bus program work properly, it is important to start right. Get a map of the district surrounding your church and where you plan to run a bus. Mount it on a cardboard background. For instance, we divided Villa Park into four districts, eventually separated into seven. The map should have the time factor plainly marked at certain strategic centers. You come to this arrangement by driving the bus slowly around the route you are going to use. Work it out so you can make it in forty-five minutes. Shorter time would be that much to your advantage. Ask the folks to hang the map over their telephone. Tell the people you are leaving this with them because you want them to know definitely when they will be picked up.

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Maintaining a bus route is important. Some pastors have had a bus, but it is now idle. It is not the fault of the bus. There must be supporting influences as: a well-

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How can you get a bus? You can rent them and provide your own drivers. Most companies will rent out buses on Sundays, if you provide the driver. If the man drives without pay, you need only an operator's license and there is no charge for the transportation. There are advantages in owning your own bus. In the long run the cost is just about the same. But if you own your bus you can do many other things with it. You can use it to bring in your young people on Sunday evening, or to bring in older people. You can operate it for the youth fellowship group during the week. Then during the summer the bus can be the means of taking the young folks to summer camp, or on picnics and excursions. You can have a joyous time on a bus. Get the children to sing Gospel songs. The bus also can be used to build up the week night Bible clubs for children.

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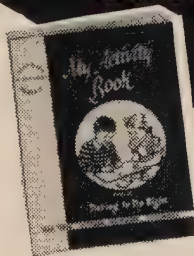
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by Lauren R. Geringer

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Church pictures need not be limited for lack of specialized equipment. By the simple means of time exposures, pictures can be taken indoors as well as out.

A magic formulae, that even professional photographers use within the church sanctuary, to save conspicuous flash bulbs during a worship service, is to set the camera on a tripod or something rigid so it cannot move. Step down for depth of focus, and take time exposures of various duration to allow for miscalculation of room light.

The easiest pictures of all to take, of course, are outdoor snapshots. There was a time when a church picture meant lining up all the members of a class on the church steps and telling them to "hold still" for a slow shutter portrait. But with modern faster film, and better cameras, action shots can be taken anywhere.

But it is the flashbulb that makes church pictures possible. Just remember the "range of limitations." A flash camera that will take nice pictures in the ordinary-sized rooms of a home, may not reach across the social parlors of the church.

The basis of figuring flashbulb light is that it falls off at the rate of square of the distance. Double the distance and the value of the light is quartered.

For example, if it is found that a flash bulb makes a good picture, at a certain shutter setting, at 15 feet, the same setting would overexpose a subject at 7½ feet with four times as much light as needed. And using the same setting for a subject 30 feet away, would result in a thin negative with only one-fourth as much light as the normal exposure, at 15 feet.

Herein is the problem of group photography. Those next to the flashbulb will be washed out with too much light, and the ones farther away will be blacked out with underexposure.

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DON'T BE BULLETIN BORED

by Faith Coxé Bailey

YOUR church bulletin board may be part of the wall, but don't let that give it a complex. You won't have a wallflower on your hands if you approach that board clutching five essential rules of layout just as tightly as you clutch your box of thumb tacks.

First of all, be sure you understand *balance*.

Perhaps you want a conventional, conservative tone, quite proper for church advertising. The more precise the balance, the more conventional your effect. By balancing one large poster on the left hand side with another large flyer on the right, you'll achieve a formal, rather static effect. Sometimes this is good.

But balance can be more subtle and more dynamic. Keep in mind that objects don't have to be identical in size to be equal. A small object, dark and heavy in color, can balance a lighter, larger object. Or two small objects can balance one larger.

In obtaining balance, construction paper proves as unexpendable as the wall itself to your bulletin board. Given six missionary snaps all the same size, don't balance three on one side and three on the other. Instead, on a large triangle of construction paper, paste three snaps. Then use two small blocks of paper for mounting your others. You'll have fun balancing your three units—two small to one large.

Incidentally, you read balance not only from side to side, but also from top to bottom. You should be able to divide the ideal board in half either vertically and horizontally and find balance within each half.

Achieving a more subtle balance, you'll gain *movement*.

Advertising men and psychologists know that the human eye travels from left to right, and more specifically, from the upper lefthand corner of any space to the lower right. Doubt this rule? Check your newspaper ads, your highway billboards, your magazine pages. Arrange your elements to follow this rule and you'll have *movement*.

But you despair as you hold a single flyer about the church supper in your hand. Movement with one object? But why just one? Find a few other copies of the flyer, then hack away at the spares till you turn each into geometric shapes. Now balance these shapes, left to right and down hill, and you'll find folks caught by the odd patterns, puzzled by half the story on one triangle, some more on a rectangle, and then satisfied to read the whole story on the only copy you've remembered to leave intact.

But with all this movement, you must strive for *unity*.

If your elements fly off in all directions, you'll lose the glancer-on, too. Easiest way to avoid this is to keep your objects close together. Too many unrelated pieces? Try overlapping them, perhaps around in a circle or again in a simple line from left to right.

Try some tricks to achieve unity. Again construction paper adds more than its two cents (a sheet) worth. A big clock of green under the three key elements on the board convinces even the most hurried passer-by that "yes, we're all together."

Or tie your subject matter together with a theme. Advertising a summer conference? Back up each folder with a colorful (and not necessarily geographically accurate) photo from a travel magazine.

Knitting yarn is a cheap, handy tool. Three isolated elements? Form an out-sized triangle with the yarn, each angle of the design resting on one of your elements.

With your unity, you may find *simplicity*.

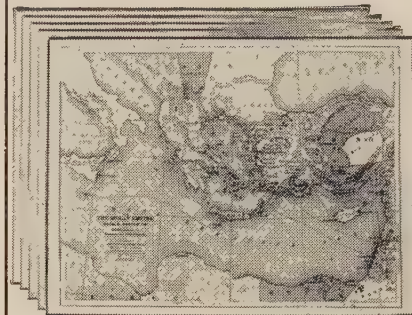
But not always, for it's not easy. Tract committees, for example, may be against simplicity. "We want everybody to see all our new tracts," declares the chairman, facing you with a sturdy armful of the latest. And though you know she's handing you four times as many elements as compose a good board, you remind yourself your board is primarily for information, not for decoration.

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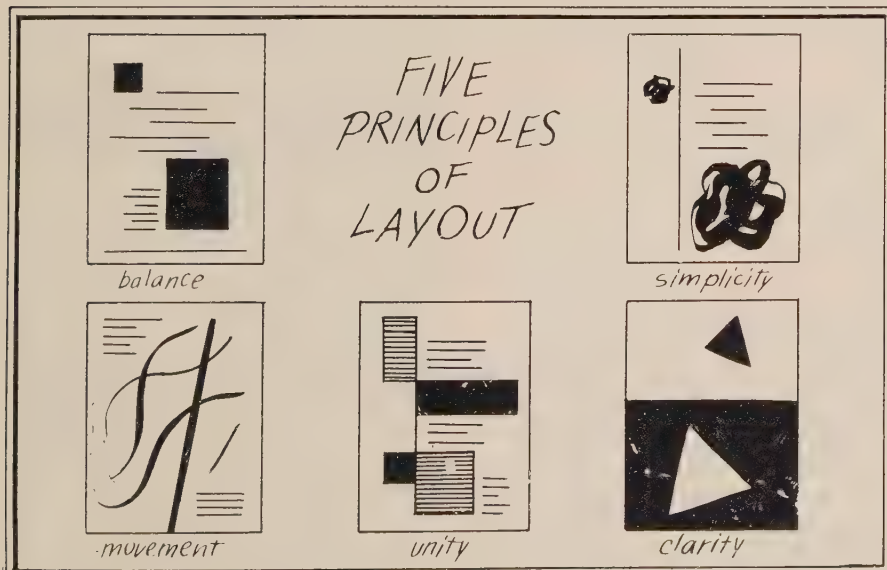
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at a time, changing the boards more often. If not, reject anything that is not absolutely necessary and group all your smallest tracts together. Three photos or tracts in a row seem like one unit.

Simplicity was never born of borders and hearts and flowers. Be careful of your trim.

Simplicity gained, you're on your way to clarity. Clarity means legibility. Can folks read your board?

If it's at their eye level, they can. If you consider the eye level of an imaginary robot 5'7" tall, you'll hit the average of your church.

With all your push for originality, avoid a trickiness that obliterates clarity. They must get the impact at a glance.

Tricky lettering can be a dangerous block to clarity, too. Better be unartistic than unread. You needn't be afraid of block letters, though. Take one 9" x 12" piece of paper. Fold it four times in all. Unfold and you have sixteen blocks, each a potential letter. Cut out one. Just as it is, this is your letter "o," to be your guide for all other letters. Cut as little as you have to to form each. An "i" is slightly narrower than "o." A "d" has its right corner curved. Unquestionably modern, these blocks are legible at a distance.

Or use your yarn again. Pinning it to the board as you go along, write out your legend. You'll find the result sophisticated, spidery and legible.

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VISITATION

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THE LITTLE DONKEY

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Lord will not let me go with you."

So the messengers went back to the king of the Moabites and said, "Balaam refused to come with us." (Indicate their distress with your face and hands).

Then the king sent a great number of mighty princes of his country back to Balaam the prophet. "Don't let anything keep you from coming," he told Balaam. "If you curse God's people, I will honour you—make you a great and important man."

Balaam said to the king's messengers, "Stay tonight and I will see what the Lord tells me to do."

God had already made known His will to Balaam. God had told him not to go. But because Balaam coaxed, God permitted Balaam to go with the men. He came to Balaam again that night and said to him, "If the men come to lead thee, rise up, and go with them."

Balaam rose up in the morning and saddled his donkey. (Put the donkey bag over your hand for this part of the story). And he went with the princes of Moab. (Hold the donkey head in front of you as though you are Balaam riding the donkey and pretend to be moving along).

God was angry because Balaam went with the Moabites and God sent an angel with a sword to stand in the road to stop Balaam. Balaam went along the road riding his donkey. (Wiggle the donkey's ears). Balaam did not see the Lord's angel, but the donkey saw the angel. (Have the ears stand up straight and stop walking). The donkey saw the angel standing in the way with his sword in his hand, and the donkey stopped and turned off the road and into the field. (Walk around to one side pretending to miss something).

Balaam hit his donkey. (Strike behind you as though angry). "Get back on the road," he said.

The angel stood in the path, a wall on this side and a wall on that side. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she stopped again. "Get along!" Balaam shouted at the little donkey. The donkey thrust herself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the stone.

Balaam was angry and he hit her again. (Strike with your hand). "Get along!" he shouted at the donkey.

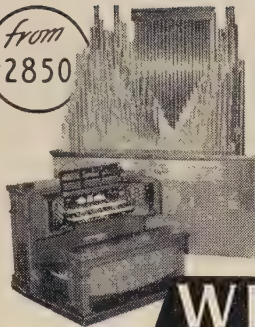
The angel of the Lord went further and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn or pass. The donkey saw the angel of the Lord (wiggle her ears), and she stopped. "Get along!" Balaam shouted at her.

The little donkey sat down in the path (pretend to sit down for a moment), and refused to move. Balaam was very angry with the donkey and he took his stick and hit her. (Pretend to beat the donkey). Still she would not move. And the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey and she turned around (turn the head back toward yourself) and said to Balaam, "What have I done to you that you have hit me three times?"

And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have disobeyed and made fun of me. If I had a sword in my hand I would put an end to you."

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which you have ridden, and have I ever tried to kill or hurt you?"

And Balaam said, "No."

Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way with his sword drawn in his hand. And Balaam bowed his head and fell flat on his face.

The angel said to Balaam, "Why have you hit your donkey three times? Do you know that I went out to stop you because you disobeyed the Lord, and the donkey saw me and turned from me three times. If the donkey hadn't turned from me, I would have slain you and saved the donkey."

And Balaam said, "I have sinned. If you are displeased, I will go back."

And the angel of the Lord said unto Balaam, "Go with the men: but speak only what I shall say unto you."

So Balaam got on his donkey (pretend to get on donkey and ride along as before), and went with the princes of Moab. And instead of cursing God's people, Balaam blessed them as the Lord commanded him.

Make an application to suit your boys and girls. For older ones you might explain the difference between God's directive will for their lives and His permissive will. This could be worked into a consecration service. You might connect this story with Acts 5: 29, which would also make a good memory verse.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

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conditions will allow, people in a picture should be somewhere within equal distance from the source of light. An extension flash unit, adding a side light to the camera light, can help to distribute light.

The best use pictures can be, is showing people within the church what is going on in their own congregation.

The people outside are interested in the pictures, too. Show them to other churches, at conferences and conventions. Send them to magazines and newspapers. Publicity and press notices are worth more and attract much more interest, if they are in the form of pictures.

Church pictures can be taken especially for projection for congregational use. Black and white reversal (positive) film provides either film strips or slides ready for projection. Going into more expense and more exacting photography, color transparencies are natural material for slides. And then it is possible to go even farther and make movies of church activities.

But for all practical purposes, black and white photography in smaller film sizes is cheapest and most useful. For use in class or congregational groups, the pictures can be projected on a screen by a delineascope.

Showing up in the classroom often will keep the pictures natural, spontaneous, unposed. Children will be better able to ignore the camera man and go ahead with class activities.

Little tots are the easiest to photograph. They show more excitement at sight of the camera, and do more talking about flash bulb lightning. But they return more easily and naturally to their busy work.

Begin using your camera. You will agree that pictures can be a valuable aid.

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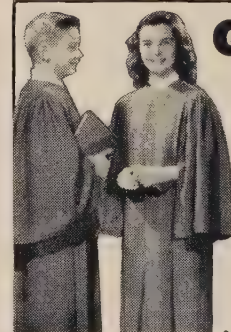
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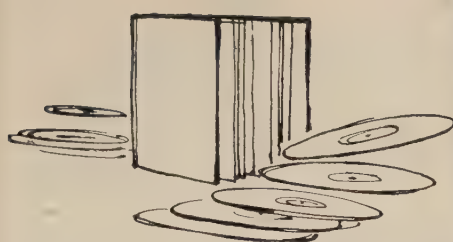
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Now, here is the plan which makes this a "first." It is Williams' idea to have these little records distributed as widely as possible. He has a two-fold suggestion for accomplishing this. One plan is to have pupils in Sunday schools all over the country turn in the names of neighbor boys and girls who do not go to any Sunday school. Then, on a designated Sunday the recording will be played in class, and after prayer, records will be given to the pupils to deliver to those whose names they have.

Another plan is to have one of the Sunday school classes set a date for a Saturday afternoon when they will meet with their teacher and other adults to pass these records out to other children on downtown sidewalks. It is suggested that a good place to do this on Saturday afternoon would be in front of the movie theaters, where they could catch the boys and girls as they are coming out.

The recordings are not expensive, and adult classes can sponsor the purchase of them in quantity for this purpose. Sounds to me like a great idea. The discs are made of unbreakable material, and are in an attractively decorated envelope. Sacred Records should be commended and supported in this evangelistic effort. Let's ask God to give us wider vision and some new ideas for using gospel recordings in efforts to reach the unsaved.

■ Once in a while I hear a recording which, in my opinion, is "out of this world." Then I turn on the raves. Here I go again.



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One of the most beautiful gospel duets I have ever heard on wax is the one *Singspiration* has just released of Rose Arzooonian and Al Smith singing *I've Discovered the Way of Gladness*. Not only is the song

itself a grand one, but the blend of voices and the interpretation given it are far, far above the average. If they ever establish a "gospel recording hall of fame," I nominate this for one of the permanent entries.

On the other side Miss Arzooonian sings the old hymn *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*. And does she sing it! I remember this singer, about twelve years ago, when I heard her at a service in Waukegan, Illinois, where I was speaking. She had a lovely voice then, but how nicely it has developed and matured during these years!

A special word should be said about the accompaniment for both these numbers. Doug Fisher is at the organ, and Gil Mead does the piano work. That team is tops in any setting, but I ask you to pay particular attention to the accompaniment for Rose Arzooonian's solo. It is in exceptionally good taste, and very restful. Don't you dare miss this record!

■ Speaking of Sacred Records, Inc., I am so glad to have four sides sung by Robert Bowman, one of the sweetest, smoothest baritone voices in the business. He sings *Jesus Still Remembers When the World Forgets*, A. H. Ackley's lovely composition; on the other side is a song by Keith Whitford, who wrote *On A Rugged Hill*, one of the best of recent gospel compositions. Bowman sings *Until the Sun Goes Down*, on which Whitford has done a splendid job of rhythmic writing.

Another Keith Whitford number, *When the Shadows Deepen*, is on one side of the second record, with *God Leads Us Along* on the other. Organ and harp accompaniments are supplied by Gordon Rhodes and Charles Ward.

■ You will be interested to know that *Singspiration* has taken over the recordings of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour Male Quartet. I have just heard a few of them. It would be difficult to find a better balanced male ensemble than this, and one that knows what it's all about when it comes to the spiritual interpretation of gospel music. An excellent piece of work has been done by the recording engineers and the producer on these recordings.

Don't fail to hear *Each Step of the Way* (the very popular song with a good message from the film, "Mr. Texas"); *God Will Take Care of You*, perennial favorite; a most unusually attractive Negro spiritual type song, *Rock O' My Soul*; and *Wayfaring Stranger*, a song in minor key. Musically, this last number is quite superior, but it will not be as warmly received as some of the others.

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RIDER OF SATAN
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doleful hymns on the broken down organ, the ladies singing with such lack of spirit that it was hard to tell if they were singing or crying. The service was beginning to take on the feel of a funeral.

The formalities dispensed with, Julie got up to sing her special before the message. The clatter of hooves outside brought heads up fearfully. The men walked in silently, ill at ease, boots clomping loudly on the bare floor. Soiled work clothes and dusty boots evidenced that this was not the product of revival. The faces were hard and drawn. Jim eyed them, puzzled. Why should a group of his avowed enemies come stomping into his last service? What could they hope to attain that they hadn't already attained?

When Julie finished her song, a little tremulously, Conaway arose and walked to the front. "Feller citizens," he began self-consciously, "when it comes to

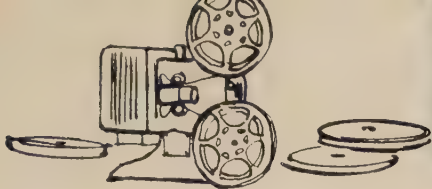
Praying stops sinning and sinning stops praying.

throwing a rifle around, I know what to do. When it comes to throwing a horse around, I know what to do, or rather I thought I did till this young whipper-snapper of a preacher showed me the errors of my ways the other day." He turned to Jim. "I got to studying those tracks in the corral after you left and I see that black imp out of the pit didn't throw me over the fence like I thought. You drug me out of there didn't you?"

He turned back to address the non-plussed congregation. "When it comes to throwing words around I'm not much 'count, but, how some ever and be that as it may, I got something to say that you all need to hear. The boys and I got together over at Yocum's General store and we got to swapping yarns. Somehow Jim Blair's name got to being bandied back and forth in the conversation and Fergy here and I, we decided maybe we had done the boy an injustice seeing as how he turns out to be a better man than either of us. We kicked it around awhile and decided the only fair thing to do was to come up here and apologize and say you're welcome to stay as long as you see fit."

Jim felt his eyes foolishly filling with tears and his throat had a lump that wouldn't let any words out. But Conaway was saying something else. "And we got another friend of yours that wouldn't come in—a big black one that's just honin' to carry you wherever you want to go. I named him Satan, but you can change it if you want." Conaway laughed at his joke. "I'll bet it's the first time a preacher ever rode Satan to preach the Gospel."

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FILMS

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Get Ready for Fall Sunday School Season

THIS month would be a good time to take stock of teaching aids available for the fall and winter teaching program. Since motion pictures are a rental item, they need to be planned for, so one may obtain them when they are wanted. Orders should be sent in about now for any dates this side of Christmas.

Slidefilms are a different sort of thing. They are usually purchased by the person or group using them and organized into a local library of teaching aids. We have just been looking at some good ones.

■ Church-Craft Pictures has released new filmstrips periodically which ought to be of considerable value to the church audiovisual collection. Quite a few of these have just come our way for review.

The first four are part of the series on Luther's Catechism and present the Catechetical study of the Lord's Prayer. They constitute a unit of 135 frames and cover eight basics of Christian practice and doctrine as revealed in the prayer given to us by Jesus Christ in Matthew 6: 9-12. Such points as: why we may call God our Father, God's holy name, His kingdom, His will, our food, forgiveness, temptation, sin and redemption are concisely analyzed in terms younger folks can comprehend easily.

The rich, full meaning of this prayer is rather successfully brought out by the use of well chosen visuals able to give much greater meaning to words which in most younger minds are high degree abstractions related to the area of "church" and "being good." These strips are very well planned and present a study unit that is educationally sound as well as spiritually correct. I would recommend them highly for any group not having its own material since there is almost nothing of a denominational nature in them.

■ There is another Church-Craft filmstrip entitled *Christian Prayer* which would be excellent to use in an introductory lesson on prayer before studying Matthew 6. This 52-frame, black and white slidefilm takes up such questions as what prayer is, why Christians pray, when and where we pray, what we pray for, how we pray and answers to prayer. Its final frame is the prayer, "Lord, teach us to pray." The approach for this one is also straight from the Bible and quite non-sectarian.

The truths set forth in these films are fundamental and universal in their nature. They are presented with a dignified simplicity that almost transcends an age level classification, for even though they were produced primarily for early teen-agers, they appeal to mature minds and many an adult can learn much from them.

■ For Sunday school study material on the life of Moses, Church-Craft has released the first two of a series on his life and work. These are in color and are each about 30 frames long. The first one covers Moses' early years; the second deals with God's call to him and the nine plagues upon Egypt.

Each strip has a map showing the location of the action covered, and each frame is captioned briefly to aid in correlation directly with the Bible narrative. They can be used with no other lesson material than the Bible by a capable teacher. The art work is very good, with clear, brilliant hues that are pleasing as well as being eye-catching. They are filmstrips you will be glad to have in your church library.

Also in this same area and from the same producer comes a 42-frame black and white strip called *A Child's Tour of Palestine*. This is a series of things, places and sites frequently mentioned in the Bible. The best use for this one is to instill concrete mental pictures in the mind of the child regarding a specific thing. Such places as Joppa, the Plain of the Philistines, Gaza, Caesarea, Mount of Olives, Calvary, the Dead Sea, Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee are shown. Things such as the Cedars of Lebanon's watering sheep, a carpenter shop, a caravan going to Shechem, farming, and fishing in Galilee are pictured for young minds. Perhaps the best use for this strip would be to show just the picture or pictures applicable to the lesson being studied rather than as a "Cook's Sunday School Tour" of the Holy Land. Any of the pictures can be shown separately since there is no continuity between them. The pictures are all recent high quality photography of the actual scenes as they were found in Palestine. The low cost of this strip will enable many schools to own it.

■ The Religious Film Association has released an 18-minute black and white film entitled *The Street*. This motion picture, using documentary techniques, tells the story of the reopening of an old church on a poor street in a large American city. The street, personified, is the first person narrator of the story told in the film, which is essentially that of the uphill job a young preacher undertakes in reopening the doors of "Christ Church" after its former parish had shut them and moved to the suburbs.

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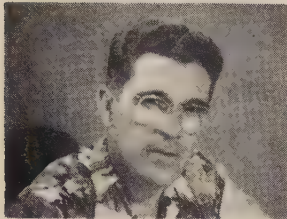
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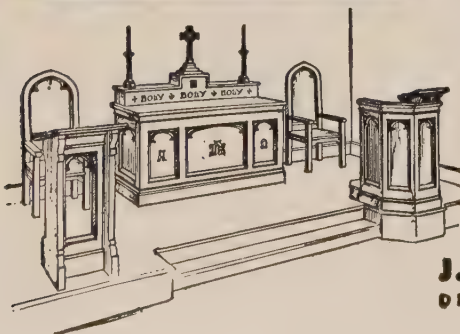
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rich in photographic symbolism, and makes excellent use of the technique it employs. It has a good sound track.

Its message is strongly slanted toward the social responsibilities of the church, but not as exclusively as some others dealing with the same area of church problems. There are many places where a clearer reference to the Gospel message would be very effective. Its chief value to most congregations would be to arouse members to the opportunities for evangelism in the re-establishing of worship services in communities where former church programs have died for want of support. The film would also be useful in seminaries to show an area of challenge to ministerial students. It was made for the Evangelical Reformed Church and is obtainable from them and the Religious Film Association libraries.

■ *High Calling* is the name given to a 42-minute color film produced by Missionary Film Service of Seattle. It is a picture filled with many very interesting shots of the people, the land, and the missionary activity in northern India and Tibet, as seen by Paul and Helen Miller. The thing that makes this film interesting is the regularity of scenes having great pictorial appeal because they are either unusual in content or have a good story value.

One of its particularly strong points is the fine overview of the religious ways of India, so presented as to be more interestingly informative than sensational. It covers Hindu, Moslem, Lamma, and several other cult areas of Indian religious practice, much of it in an excellent manner photographically, using many fine close-ups.

It is not a professional production, and therefore is not always smoothly handled. Some won't like the Hammond organ music, but in many places it is the only instrument capable of reproducing anything near the native music simulated. I believe most readers will find *High Calling* enjoyable because of its clarity of presentation and the sincerity of its message. Write the producer for information on its showing.

■ Missions Visualized, Inc., has just presented several premiere showings of the new Fuller Theological Seminary film *How Firm a Foundation*. This 53-minute color, sound film was made for the Gospel Broadcasting Association in order that the Old Fashioned Revival Hour message might take flight on light waves as well as on the air waves.

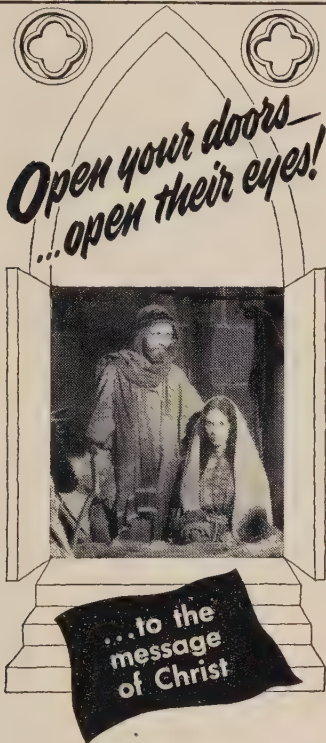
The film story centers around the true experiences of a student who was won to Christ by the radio ministry of Charles Fuller and who went on to finish college, finally completing his training for the ministry at Fuller Seminary. The film is after the fashion of documentaries and includes sequences of the world-covering activity of the Gospel Broadcasting Association. It is being released to acquaint evangelicals with the world outreach of the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation.

To most viewers, the high point will be the visit to the Old Fashioned Revival Hour broadcast in the Long Beach Auditorium where the broadcast originates. The student's story is not an unusual one in evangelical educational circles, but it provides an interesting series of visits to the new but very well known seminary which has

grown out of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour emphasis on scholarly Christian training for the young preachers of our day.

Technically, the film is rather good. The color is deep in places (meaning, of course, the prints) and maybe a little light in others, but no worse than many supposedly top level films I have recently seen. On the sound track is the voice of Dr. Fuller, one that has come to be loved by many people the world over. I do not believe that a more suitable one could have been used. It is this one thing that really gives the film its warmth and character. If you want Dr. Fuller and the Gospel Broadcasting Association to visit your church via film, you will have to write to their address in Los Angeles.

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■ As a young girl I accepted Jesus as my Savior and had assurance of sins forgiven. However, I began to think I had lost my love for people and, reading verses in the Bible about love being a proof that a person is a child of God, I believed I had fallen away. I then applied the verses in Hebrews 6:4-8 to myself.

Yours is not an unusual problem. To my way of understanding the Scriptures, this verse has reference to one who has a feigned faith rather than a true living faith in Jesus Christ. We are all in danger of focusing attention on things and attitudes as a basis of assurance rather than on the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The child of God whose faith is really in the Savior can be assured of the preserving power of God and the presence of His Spirit in all of life. As your love for Him deepens, your love for others will grow. Look to Him, not to yourself or your feelings, or Satan will surely deceive.

■ Are contests wrong? Would it be wrong to use money earned that way in Christian work?

It seems to me that there is nothing at all wrong with contests, provided they are free from any element of gambling. You are, of course, responsible to steward all of your earned income for God regardless of how it is earned.

■ Is there any Scripture that a Christian could use to support capital punishment?

The Scripture is very clear that for murder life should be taken for life. The Scripture distinguishes between manslaughter and murder. The punishment for murder is plainly declared to be death (Exodus 21:12, 14). But not so in the case of manslaughter. In Old Testament days God provided the cities of refuge for such (Exodus 21:13).

■ I live in a dormitory with unsaved girls. When it comes time for devotions in the evening my roommates are anything but cooperative in being quiet, especially when I kneel to pray. I feel it is a testimony before them for me to kneel, but frankly I'm not really praying because of the distractions. Am I wrong in waiting to pray until they are out of the room or until I have gone to bed?

Many of God's children have faced similar circumstances. As a very young Christian I learned the blessing of kneeling in prayer just before bedtime in a barracks full of unruly and ungodly soldiers; and many

service men can testify to that kind of experience. Be considerate and gracious of the other girls and consistent in your own life and testimony, and your faithfulness in devotions will have its effect upon their hearts. When they come to real need, they will know to whom they should go.

■ I have pondered the two passages Luke 14:26-29 and Matthew 10:34-38 many times. Can you help me in bringing this to my family?

The Word of God teaches us that we are to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," then all these things will be added unto us. We are to love God with all of our heart, to be entirely devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ. This attitude of heart toward Him will prove to be a stumbling block to unsaved loved ones. Toward them we are to be as considerate, kind, gracious, long-suffering, Christlike as possible, to the end that they, too, may come to saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel, however, is the great divider. Christian consistency and kindness are most needed by us.

■ If the dispensation of law was done away with at the cross, what commandments remain for us to keep?

The ceremonial law given to Israel through Moses, which includes the seventh day as the Sabbath, was God's means of preparing His people and the world for the coming Savior. The law is the schoolmaster that brings us to Christ (Gal. 3: 24-25). When the Mosaic economy had served its purpose it was no longer needed. The Lord Jesus Christ was the fulfillment, the anti-type, of the types and figures of the sacrifices required by the law. The fulfillment of the ceremonial law in Christ in no way affects the moral laws of God's government in the world. We obey the commandments to love the Lord our God with all our heart, to love one another even as Christ loved us (John 13:34-35), the commandment, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Such commandments as we find in portions like Colossians 3 (mortify your members, lie not one to another, put on kindness, forbear one another, forgive one another, and let the peace of God rule in your hearts), all because we have found the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior. We are not under the law of Moses, and we keep the laws of God, not in order to be saved, but because we are saved.

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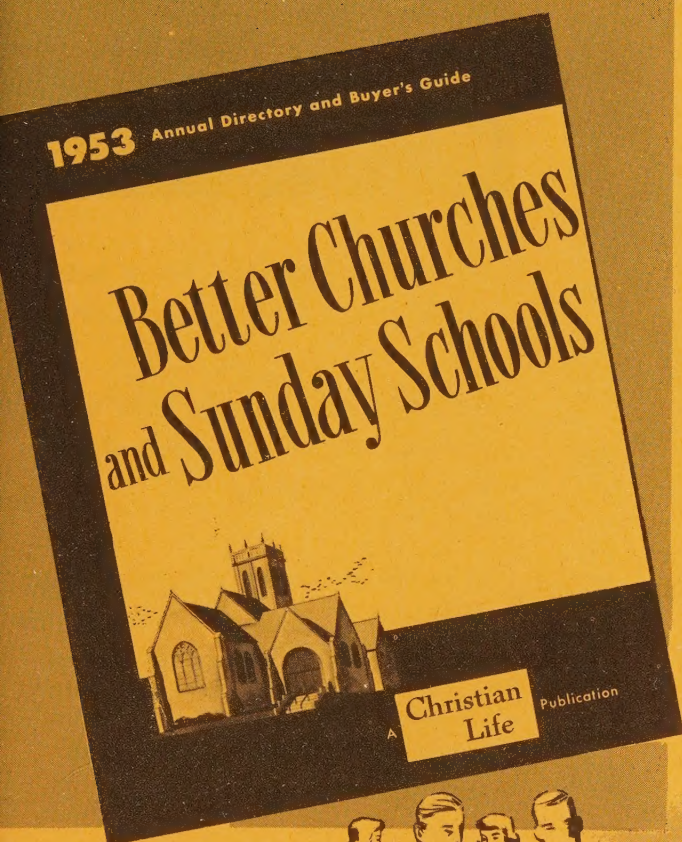
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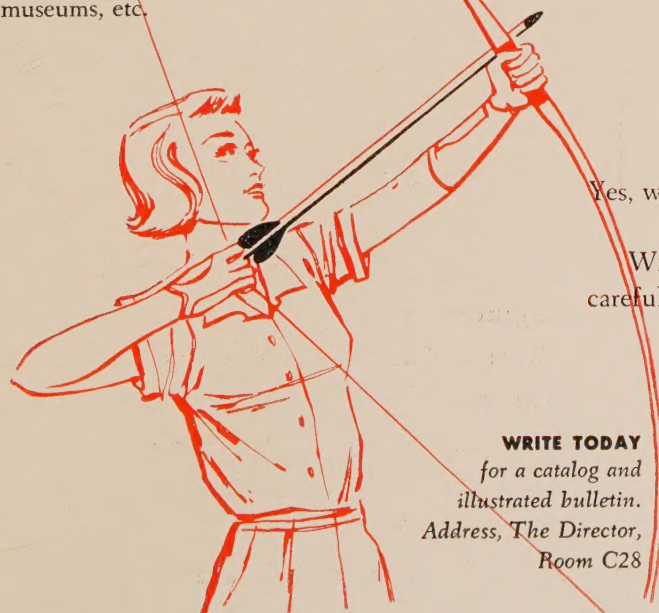
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